PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH
BIENNIAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO
AND OTHER STATES

HELD AT

MICHIGAN CITY, IND., FROM AUGUST 21
TO AUGUST 27, 1902

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

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OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

Pursuant to the call of the Honorable President, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States met in its thirty-sixth convention, the fourth time as a delegate body, in St. Paul's congregation, Rev. H. Wickemeyer pastor, at Michigan City, Ind., August 21, 1902, at 10 A. M. The Honorable President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., preached the Synodical sermon on John 21, 15-17, after which the Synod was formally opened by him. The roll-call showed 83 delegates—45 clerical and 31 lay-delegates, and 7 teachers, 28 advisory members, 24 guests present—total, 145. The voting members are distributed among the different Districts as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
J. H. Schneider, Columbus, O.	C. Nagel, Springfield, O.
F. W. Abicht, Marysville, O.	*Fr. Heiby, Ft. Recovery, O.
G. H. Trebel, Hamilton, O.	Fr. Rogge, Dayton, O.
F. H. Meyer, Dayton, O.	John Heidtman, Holland, Ind.
G. Klindworth, Lynnville, Ind.	Uriah Trump, Ithaca, O.
R. C. H. Lenski, Anna, O.	

TEACHERS.

W. A. Trapp, Hamilton, O.	C. W. Linsenmann, Richmond, Ind.

*Absent.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
H. J. Schuh, Allegheny, Pa.	Wm. H. Metz, Surgeons Hall, Pa.
H. Kauffmann, North Tonawanda, N. Y.	Ed Kauffman, Oil City, Pa.
J. G. Butz, Zelienople, Pa.	Geo. Shoup, Butler, Pa.
M. L. Eich, Petersburg, O.	Wm. Klingensmith, Newton Falls, Ohio.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
H. G. Sutter, Galion, O.	John Long, McZena, O.
D. Ebert, New Washington, O.	K. Huessemann, Hessville, O.
Theo. Stellhorn, Sandusky, O.	Geo. Motz, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
J. Bauch, Woodville, O.	Fr. Renner, Detroit, Mich.
H. P. Dannecker, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	J. P. Muench, Fostoria, O.
J. Vollmar, Detroit, Mich.	John Otto, Saginaw, Mich.
C. Benzin, Maybee, Mich.	
A. L. Nicklas, Ann Arbor, Mich.	

TEACHERS.

*A. F. Lorenzen, Detroit, Mich.	J. Stumpf, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
F. Wiechert, Sandusky, O.	

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
G. Pilgrim, Lake Elmo, Minn.	A. Wier, Lake Elmo, Minn.
E. Knorr, Buffalo Lake, Minn.	C. L. Weiser, Grimes, Ia.
W. Ganschow, Wells, Minn.	
O. Just, Marietta, Minn.	
E. Lack, Goodell, Ia.	
J. D. Meyer, LeMars, Ia.	
J. Bohnhoff, Valley City, N. Dak.	
G. Feudler, Deer Park, Wis.	

TEACHERS.

Geo. Kessel, Stillwater, Minn.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
J. Alpers, Golden, Ill.	*A. Kruse, Litchfield, Ill.
H. K. G. Doermann, Blue Island, Ill.	L. G. Schiller, Green Bay, Wis.
O. Kubitz, Columbus, Wis.	
F. Ohlrogge, Seymour, Wis.	
J. Reiff, Merrill, Wis.	

*Absent.

TEACHERS.

H. Amelung, Blue Island, Ill. F. Ganschow, Oshkosh, Wis.

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
F. W. Gahre, Glenville, Neb.	Gottf. Schmidt, Deshler, Neb.
J. Weber, Lindsay, Neb.	

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

J. Finke, Astoria, Ore. H. Flathmann, Aurora, Ore.

TEXAS DISTRICT.

PASTOR.	LAY-DELEGATE.
W. Steinmann, Seguin, Tex.	Prof. C. E. Roos, New Orleans, La.

FIRST ENGLISH DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
G. A. Harter, Youngstown, O.	F. E. Esterly, Columbiana, O.
G. J. Troutmann, Circleville, O.	L. Bauman, West Rushville, O.
J. H. Sheatsley, Delaware, O.	C. Minnemann, Richmond, Ind.
A. Beck, Canaan, O.	J. L. Stockert, Massillon, O.
G. F. Pauschert, Fostoria, O.	Isaiah Ridenour, Wabash, Ind.
W. E. Tressel, Fremont, O.	*Geo. Horst, Columbus, O.

CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Prof. L. M. Hunt, Hickory, N. C.	F. F. Einwaechter, Baltimore, Md.
A. C. Schiff, Washington, D. C.	J. H. W. Schmidt, Washington, D. C.
F. W. Loewenstein, South Baltimore, Md.	Monroe Newton, Hickory, N. C.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pres. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., Columbus, O.
Eastern Vice-Pres. Rev. E. A. Boehme, Youngstown, O.
Western Vice-Pres. Prof. H. Ernst, D. D., St. Paul, Minn.
Rev. W. H. Price, English Secretary, Detroit, Mich.
Prof. W. D. Ahl, German Secretary, St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. F. J. Heer, General Treasurer, Columbus, O.
Mr. C. Nagel, Synodical Treasurer, Springfield, O.

*Absent.

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Rev. E. A. Beehme, Seminary, Columbus, O.
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Rev. H. A. Allwardt, D. D., Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
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Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, Hickory Academy, Hickory, N. C.
*Rev. W. F. Helle, Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.
Rev. H. J. Schuh, St. John Lutheran Home, Allegheny, Pa.
Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Home Missions, Columbus, O.
Rev. S. P. Long, Publication Board, Columbus, O.
Rev. J. Bauch, Board of Aids, Oak Harbor, O.
*Hon. J. Dobler, Negro Mission, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. A .R. Kuldell, Jewish Mission.

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*Prof. M. Loy, D. D., Theological Seminary, Columbus, O.
Prof. L. H. Schuh, Ph. D., Capital University, Columbus, O.
Prof. H. Ernst, D. D., Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
Director Theo. Mees, Ph. D., Woodville Seminary, Woodville, O.
*Rev. G. J. Long, Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.
Rev. L. M. Hunt, Hickory Academy, Hickory, N. C.

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS.

*M. Loy, D. D., Columbus, O.
F. W. Stellhorn, Columbus, O.
*G. H. Schodde, Ph. D., Columbus, O.
E. Pfeiffer, Columbus, O.
H. Ernst, D. D., St. Paul, Minn.
Wm. Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.

MANAGER OF BOOK CONCERN.

Mr. Fred. J. Heer, Columbus, O.

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Rev. A. J. Feeger, Richmond, Ind., Western District.
Rev. H. J. Reimann, Oil City, Pa., Eastern District.
Rev. C. H. Althoff, Hessville, O., Northern District.
Rev. H. Ernst, St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota District.
Rev. H. Eisenbach, Oconto, Wis., Wisconsin District.
Dr. W. Steinmann, Seguin, Tex., Texas District.
Rev. P. Groschupf, Spokane, Wash., Washington District.
Rev. F. W. Gahre, Glenville, Neb., Kansas and Nebraska District.
Rev. O. S. Oglesby, Pittsburg, Pa., First English District.
Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, Baltimore, Md., Concordia District.

*Absent.

GUESTS.

PASTORS.

M. F. P. Doermann,
M. L. Peter,
J. Allwardt,
H. Meyer,
A. C. Ernst,
A. H. Scheffler,
J. E. A. Doermann,
Geo. Dillmann,
P. Brockhaus,
G. Klindworth,
W. Meinecke,
C. E. Clessler,
J. Zentner,
H. Wickemeyer,
W. H. Lehmann,
W. Steinmeyer,
Theo. Marth,
Th. H. E. Eich,
J. Beck,
J. Sittler,
J. Klindworth,
D. Simon.

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C. A. Gohdes,
H. Schmidt,
H. E. Pilgrim,
Geo. Maier,
John Wiechert,
A. G. Korn,
Prof. G. K. Leonard.

LAYMEN.

B. F. Brandt,
J. R. E. Hunt,
E. A. Wickemeyer,
H. Jacoby,
J. G. Schuster.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In Christ Jesus beloved Brethren! In the name of the congregations that have sent us we are assembled to confer with one another concerning the work we do in God's kingdom. In this, One is our Master, even Christ, "true God begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary." On Him is the kingdom founded; He protects it, upholds it, and extends the borders thereof; He enriches it with His treasures and makes it strong in the power of His might; it is His until in the day of its consummation He shall have delivered it to the Father, and then shall God be all in all. He whom we serve, therefore, and whose own we are in body and soul, is the Son of the most high and holy God: to His will both we and the churches commissioning us are subject; as He may judge of us and our work, we shall either stand or fall, and receive our reward; and this, whether of good or whether of evil, in either case is a reward everlasting. Now these solemn facts are placed before us not that they may strike terror to our souls and drive them to despair, but in order that we may draw comfort and strength from them; for in very truth there is not found in heaven or on earth a Master as kind, considerate and gentle in his rule as is the annointed Son of God to them that serve Him. Even as the prophet said of Him in times long past, "the goverment shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," such we find Him, and to our hearts joy and strength. Be it as the sons or be it as the servants of God, from the blessed name of Jesus we derive all our strength. Wherefore, brethren, putting our trust in Him, let us beseech Him not to remember against us our past unfaithfulness but rather to take account of our weakness, and from the fullness of His own virtues to enable us both to will and to do in all things according to His own good pleasure.

Aside from the divine services that have been appointed for the days before us, transactions pertaining chiefly to externals may be expected to monopolize all our time and strength; and as is well known, proceedings of that sort offer little by way of edification to the soul. Howbeit, it is the plain will of the Lord that we serve Him in such things. The kingdom of God, constituted as it is on earth and manifesting itself and moving as it does at present in the form of churchly organization, it lies in the very nature of things that in our endeavors to extend and perfect it we must make use of the temporal also; and it is the Lord's good pleasure that we consecrate and place into His service every power of mind and matter. From this point of view it is plain that, though we can point to no word of divine institution as underlying them, we nevertheless are sure that divine approval rests as upon our synodical organ-

ization so also upon its work in the introduction of good order and usages, in establishing and maintaining institutions of learning and of beneficence, in putting to use its manifold gifts in a diversity of offices, in the spread of edifying books and periodicals, in its appeal for and employ of material offerings, and in availing itself generally of every creature the Lord may have need of to make known His Word as unto men so by men.

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Having thus fully acknowledged the high value and relative necessity of the material and human elements that enter into our work, I consider myself free to ask a question that lies nearer my heart at present, and thence to turn your minds unto higher things. The question is, whether we do not devote too much of our time to business, and in a manner, too, that does not always edify? Certainly our first and highest concern should ever be the "one thing needful," that is to say, that we cultivate within us the mind of our divine Master, knowing, as we do, that "Christ in us" is the only power that can quicken and move us to render service acceptable to God. And just here we do well (once for all) to take note of the fact that evils resulting from some defect rather of heart than of head can never be removed by the introduction, say, of "more system," or by the adoption of some resolution or other. If therefore cause of complaint be given us of sins in our own midst, of sins whether of commission or of omission, let us bear in mind that the one, the only, and the all sufficient remedy for them is given us in the Word of God.

True as it may be that by mere human agencies and devices seemingly great things may be accomplished and an apparently glorious state of affairs be brought about, yet are all such achievements of little worth. Work so done can bring no abiding fruit; and we should beware lest we be led astray by things that are not what they seem to be. Appearances are deceptive, as elsewhere so also in the affairs of the church. A crushing crowd of hearers, for example, is one thing, whilst a large congregation of true Christians is another; from which it follows that a big audience does not necessarily signify a big appetite for the bread of heaven. It is possible to so word and work the rules and regulations of a congregation that things move along year in and out with clockwork evenness and rhythm; but whether the will of God is done there is another question. To conclude from the fact that a church or a synod is without debt that the members thereof are a liberal and self-sacrificing people, is by no means a safe way of reasoning. In short, whilst it may be difficult and at times beyond our ken to distinguish between the human and the divine, merged as they are in our labors for the Lord, our end and aim should always be to work the things that abide; and of this we can only be sure when we see to it that all our deliberations be founded on, directed by, and seasoned with words of God. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom," in order that in all things He, not man, may have His way.

With the divine Word as our guide and strength in all things, it should be our first endeavor to plant and foster a spirit of true churchliness in the hearts of all who have joined us in the work. The precious truth that Jesus Christ, true God, " is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil . . . *that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him* . . ." should be brought to an intelligent and all-controlling consciousness in the mind of every man, woman and child in synod. Failing in this, our organization, be its appointments never so perfect and its resources never so abundant, will be like unto a body without soul — dead, useless, and doomed to certain dissolution.

This great truth which, along with others, I find expressed in the above words of our catechism, is the precious doctrine of our common priesthood before God unto which Christ has exalted us. It is the foundation and it is the strength of the church's work, and such its every member should know and feel it to be. "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." 1 Pet. 2:9. Such, by divine declaration, is the glorious estate and such the holy office of every Christian believer; and he among us that lays hold of this precious truth enlightened and moved thereto of God, and thus accepts of it as the working principle of his life, will consider his chief calling to be the advancement of the kingdom he has been made a priest in. He will be found, as a child sitting at meat with the children of God, and giving thanks; as a servant to pray, to labor, and to sacrifice with the servants of God; as a soldier in company with the soldiers of God to fight, to suffer and to endure; and finally, as the son of a great King among the sons of God to be crowned with honors that fade not — throughout it all a man blest of God, and a partaker of the grace and of the excellencies he has made it his life's work to shew forth.

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Now if this all-glorious word concerning our royal priesthood is to reach every man in our organizations — yea, and every child thereof — and gain the mastery over the lives of all, then from our schools, high as well as low, and from our pulpits, councils and conferences that word must be sent forth, and sent forth without abatement. Another and a better way to bring our people to a living and active realization of their common priesthood, I cannot think of. Periodicals and books for both young and old are indeed a valuable help; the trouble is that the great mass of our people, the very ones that need them most, cannot be induced to read. A faithful discharge of the pastoral office in church, school and family is the only means by which we can expect to impress our people with a sense of their priestly privileges; and to that end the Lord has committed it to us. Wherefore, brethren, both clerical and lay, let us wait on this our ministry.

That every Christian believer has been created and new-created as well as called of God to do duty in work and walk as an evangelist, would seem to be, and in the end is, a very plain doctrine. Yet, on account of man's blind and indolent nature in spiritual things, an unceasing and forceful presentation is necessary to make him see the truth and to induce him to live up to it. To this end stress must be laid upon the fact, in general: that the entire Christian life is to be a praise of God; and in particular: that whosoever is truly born again will surely feel himself constrained by the new life received to do all in his power to further the preaching of God's word both at home and abroad.

Touching the latter point it is of utmost importance also that due information be imparted on the means, helps and agencies to be employed, and in what ways — even the most humble — can take part in the blessed work; then, too, that the proper place be assigned to every man according to his ability. Trees bring forth fruit, but each one after a kind its own. And thus it is with man: transplanted and given a place in God's garden, he is surely urged to bear fruit; it is his nature now to do so. But it may transpire that he is uncertain about the kind; if so, and to forestall the uncertainty, direction must be added to the care given him otherwise lest he waste his powers upon products strange to his nature and noxious to the Gardener who has planted him. Now we, brethren, are called by the Husbandmen of heaven to do Him service in all these things so that the trees of His planting may bear fruit each one such as is natural to it in the new economy, and to bear such fruit in abundance. As workers together with God it behooves us to do as He bids us,— dig, plant, water, purge, direct and support — then will He give the increase and share with us the joy thereof.

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Brethren, let us evermore highly exalt, and in plain words and by shining example commend to old and young, both the high-priesthood of Christ and the priesthood of believers; for through the former are we saved, through the latter do we praise Him — beholding in both, the one and the other, a miracle of His grace.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It affords me heartfelt pleasure to be able to report to your Honorable Body that a healthful progress may be observed at present along all the lines of our synodical work. Holding fast to the pure doctrine which we profess and strong in the faith in which we stand, the brethren have labored together with great unanimity everywhere; and whether our eyes be turned to our mission fields or upon our congregations, upon our institutions of learning and of beneficence or upon our conferences and synodical assemblies — wherever we look, a pleasing advance may be discovered. In this connection I deem it in place to state that by the prospective reception into our Northwestern Districts of the ministers hitherto constituting the Augsburg Synod, the field of our operations will be considerably enlarged and no inconsiderable addition to our working force may be expected. If desired, a fuller account of this movement will be given by word of mouth. To the Lord, however, who has called us to His work, strengthened our hands to its accomplishment, and who has crowned it with His blessing, be all the glory!

A. OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Although the several boards supervising our schools will place before you their annual reports, I yet beg leave to call special attention to a few items as coming under this head:

a.) The question how to increase the number of students in our seminaries, and how best to meet the impending dearth in the ministry should engage your most earnest consideration. This deplorable state of things is no doubt the result of most grievous sins of omission we have become guilty of. Although it has been made the special duty of the presidents and professors of our institutions to do all they can to secure students, yet must our chief reliance for a thorough canvass of the field be placed upon the endeavors of our pastors and teachers, as these alone come into close touch with the youth of our churches, and also are called to win workmen for Christ wherever they are placed. In the early part of the past year I made the suggestion to our brethren at St. Paul that a correspondence with directors of Lutheran schools abroad might bring us some students; if I mistake not, the advice was acted on, and with favorable results. Perhaps something more could be accomplished in this way.

b.) With a view to relieving Dr. M. Loy, the worthy and well-deserving senior among our professors, I move you that a young and efficient teacher be called at once to take up work in our seminary at Columbus.

c) For renewed discussion, and for reference of the matter to the several Districts, I repeat the question whether it would not be advisable to transfer our preparatory department at Columbus to Woodville — and, by way of exchange, remove the upper classes of Woodville to Columbus.

In conclusion, recent events constrain me to think it time that inquiry be made whether Lima College — materially supported by many of our people — is bound to any degree of safety to serve the cause of Lutheranism pure and simple.

B. INSTITUTIONS OF BENEFICENCE.

a.) If the Board of Aids is expected to accomplish satisfactorily the end it has been created for, it will be necessary, first, that the so-called Minnesota plan of contributions be generally adopted and conscientiously carried out; and secondly, that aid be allowed to be extended to such brethren as may yet be able to serve some small congregation, the remuneration for which service, however, is not adequate to support them.

b.) During November, 1901, an offer was received by me from a member in Rev. Kilian's congregation, Mapleton, Minn., in which certain property was placed at the disposal of Synod for the purpose of establishing an Old Folks' Home at that place. I did not feel myself authorized to accept the proposition, nor did I think it advisable so to do. If your Honorable Body thinks it well to look into the matter, the document referring to the same is at your disposal.

C. FINANCES.

a. Since my last report I have secured for Synod: two scholarships, for which $1,600.00 were paid in cash; by annuities and cash, $1,500.00; and then $9,000.00 in scholarships, additionally secured by last will and testament, and on which $40.00 per annum are paid; then, wills to the amount of from $40,000.00 to $45,000.00. Besides these there is the last will and testament of our dear brother J. A. Schulze, deceased. By this, two properties are devised to Synod, one located in Detroit, the other in Columbus, and the income from which Synod is to use for the support of schools within its bounds, after $240.00 per annum have been paid the widow during her life. Up to date I have had charge of the property, and an account of administration will be placed into your hands. Synod should resolve by whom, and how, the property shall be managed hereafter. My advice is that the property in Detroit be sold, and the amount received for it be safely and profitably invested elsewhere.

b.) Cash receipts other than those mentioned in the preceding item, are accounted for in the report of the Institution treasurer, and therefore need not be stated here.

c.) The exact amount of jubilee contributions can not be ascertained, for the simple reason that many of the pastors did not keep them

separate from the collections usually taken up for our institutions. The appended tabulation of contributions since 1886 may, however, give some idea of what has been done:

Amounts paid into the Institution Treasury, and raised by collections in the Churches.

1886–'88	$27,850 19
1888–'90	32,876 58
1890–'92	38,290 93
1892–'94	48,321 82
1894–'96	60,946 78
1896–'98	46,107 75
1898–'00	69,595 02
1900–'02	62,538 68

d.) A summary statement of what has been accomplished thus far for the various treasuries of our institutions, aside from collections and of interest paid in, may be found acceptable:

1. Scholarships, $43,200.00, of which $13,400.00 are paid.
2. Annuities, $19,500.00.
3. Endowment funds, paid in, $32,974.86.
4. Real estate, $19,800.00.
5. Wills in favor of Synod, $59,900.00.

D. VARIA.

a.) By legislative acts, passed last winter, the name of Synod now is: *The Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States*; and the name of our Columbus Seminary, *The Theological Seminary of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.* The *acts* referred to I herewith append.

[House Bill No. 981.]

AN ACT

To change the name of "The German Lutheran Seminary of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent states," a body incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, by an act passed January 30, 1834.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the name of "The German Lutheran Seminary of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States," be and the same is hereby changed so as to read: "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States."

SECTION 2. That such change of name shall in no wise affect the privileges and liabilities of the said body corporate.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

W. S. McKINNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
F. B. ARCHER,
President of the Senate.

Passed May 12, 1902.

[House Bill No. 982.]

AN ACT

To change the name of "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and other States," a body incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, by an act passed March 23, 1849, and as amended April 22, 1849, and February 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the name of "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and other States," be and the same is hereby changed to read as follows: "The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States."

SECTION 2. That such change shall in no wise affect the privileges and liabilities of said body corporate.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

W. S. McKINNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
F. B. ARCHER,
President of the Senate.

Passed May 12, 1902.

It should be kept in mind that for any amendment in our charters not the courts — as is now the case — but the legislature should be applied to. Petition to the courts would place Synod and Seminary under the *new* corporation laws.

b.) Power of attorney should be given the president of Synod authorizing him in cases of necessity to defend the property rights of this body by due process of law.

c.) I beg leave to recommend once more that authority be given the Publication Board to sell the printing establishment, the book department and realty only excepted.

d.) Synod would do well to urge upon the several Districts to extend the term of service of their respective presidents to as many years as possible, and this, especially, that intelligent action may be secured in filling the vacancies occurring in the congregations.

Respectfully submitted

Your brother and fellow workman in Christ our Lord,

C. H. L. SCHUETTE.

Michigan City, Ind., Aug. 19, 1902.

ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

After the opening of Synod by our Honorable President, C. H. L. Schuette, the organization of Synod took place through the presentation of credentials. The business of Synod was completed in 12 sessions, of which one was held in the evening. Each session was opened with a short divine service by the chaplains, Revs. D. Ebert and H. G. Sutter.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D. ..... *President.*
Rev. E. A. Boehme. ..... *Eastern Vice-President.*
Prof. H. Ernst, D. D. ..... *Western Vice-President.*
Prof. W. D. Ahl. ..... *German Secretary.*
Rev. Wm. H. Price. ..... *English Secretary.*
Mr. C. Nagel. ..... *Treasurer.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

The Preliminary Committee, consisting of two pastors and two lay-delegates from each District, as representatives, met in the School Hall of the St. Paul's congregation, H. Wickemeyer, pastor, August 19, 1902, at 9 A. M. The meeting was opened with divine service by the Hon. President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D. The following are the delegates duly elected to the Preliminary Committee:

Western District: Revs. J. H. Schneider and G. H. Trebel, and the Messrs. Th. Rupp and Fr. Rogge.

Eastern District: Revs. H. J. Schuh and J. G. Butz, and the Messrs. G. Shoup and E. Kauffmann.

Northern District: Revs. H. P. Dannecker and A. L. Nicklas, and Mr. K. Huessemann.

Minnesota District: Revs. W. Ganschow and J. D. Meyer, and the Messrs. A. Wier and C. L. Weiser.

Wisconsin District: Revs. H. K. G. Doermann and O. Kubitz and the Messrs. A. Kruse and L. G. Schiller.

Washington District: Revs. G. Finke and H. Flathmann.

Kansas and Nebraska District: Revs. F. W. Gahre and J. Weber, and Mr. Gottfr. Schmidt.

Texas District: Rev. W. Steinmann and Prof. C. E. Roos.

First English District: Revs. G. J. Trautmann and W. E. Tressel, and the Messrs. J. L. Stockert and L. Bauman.

Concordia District: Prof. L. M. Hunt and Rev. F. W. Loewenstein, and the Messrs. F. F. Einwechter and J. H. W. Schmidt.

All papers and documents in the hands of the Honorable President were now given to the several sub-committees for a report. Before, however, these reports were presented to Synod, they were considered by the Preliminary Committee as a whole and adopted.

The sub-committees were:

I. *Educational Institutions and English Hymnals:* Revs. H. K. G. Doermann, J. Weber and L. M. Hunt; Messrs. L. Bau-

man and Theo. Ruff; Advisory: Dr. H. A. Allwardt, Dr. H. Ernst, Dr. L. H. Schuh, Revs. E. A. Boehme and E. G. Tressel.

II. *Book Concern and Periodicals, Old Business, etc.:* Revs. H. P. Dannecker, G. J. Troutmann, H. J. Schuh and F. W. Loewenstein; Messrs. J. L. Stockert, A. Kruse, C. L. Weiser and Prof. C. E. Roos; Advisory: Revs. O. S. Oglesby and H. J. Reimann.

III. *Missions, President's Report and Varia:* Revs. G. H. Trebel, J. H. Schneider, J. G. Butz, G. Finke, Messrs. F. F. Einwaechter, G. H. W. Schmidt, A. Kaufman; Advisory: Dir. Mees and Rev. E. L. S. Tressel.

IV. *Finances, Treasury Reports and Appropriations:* Revs. A. L. Nicklas, W. Steinmann, W. E. Tressel, O. Kubitz, W. Ganschow; Messrs. L. G. Schiller and A. Wier; Advisory: Rev. H. Eisenbach and Prof. K. Hemminghaus.

V. *Eleemosynary Institutions and Board of Aids:* Revs. F. W. Gahre, H. Flathmann and J. D. Meyer; Messrs. Fr. Rogge, G. Shoup, K. Huessemann and Gottfr. Schmidt; Advisory: Revs. A. J. Feeger, C. H. Althoff, P. K. W. Raether and J. Bauch.

The arranging of an Order of Business was given into the hands of the Hon. President and the two secretaries. This order of business was presented at the opening of Synod and adopted.

C. H. L. Schuette, *President.*
Wm. H. Price,
W. D. Ahl, *Secretaries.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THURSDAY.

Organization. Adoption of Order of Business, Eleemosynary Institutions and Board of Aids. (V. Sub-Committee.)

FRIDAY.

Educational Institutions and English Hymnal. (I. Sub-Committee.)

SATURDAY.

Finances and Appropriations. (IV. Sub-Committee.)

MONDAY.

Book Concern, Periodicals and Old Business. (II. Sub-Committee.)

TUESDAY.

Missions, President's Report and Varia. (III. Sub-Committee.)

WEDNESDAY.

Finishing of the Preliminary Committee's Reports.

Resolved, That Synod shall not deviate from this Order of Business unless demanded by three-fourths of the members present.

Resolved, That no one speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than five minutes at one time.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

Reports of the Different Boards, Treasurers, Committee Reports, Proceedings, and Resolutions Respecting the Same.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — With gratitude toward God for His mercy and loving kindness which our Seminary enjoyed during the past two years also, we respectfully submit our biennial report.

Since the last meeting of Synod your Board met in four regular sessions. The Messrs. Binckley and Doelker were re-elected as members of the Board of Capital University.

During the school year of 1900–'01 there were 29 students in our Seminary, 9 less than the previous year. Of these 29, ten entered the ministry, one of whom, Baba N. Shabaz, is now laboring as Lutheran missionary in his native land, Persia. He is being supported by the Christ church in Columbus, O., and by other friends of missions in our Synod.

The past year 24 students were in the Seminary. Of these eleven entered the ministry. Only 13 remain. As the last graduating class in the college will furnish only two in September, the number of theological students at Columbus will be the smallest in many years. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

On December 10, 1901, the Board adopted the following timely resolution: "*Resolved*, That in future no student be allowed either to accept a call, even conditionally, or to serve vacant congregations regularly. Exceptions to this rule can be made only with the consent of the respective district presidents, or of the mission board."

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires during this session of Synod, namely of the Revs. Dillmann and Hecht, and of Messrs. Holtermann and Hueffelmann. Mr. Hellwagen sent in his resignation, because he had not the time to attend the meetings of the Board.

With sincere sorrow we report the serious illness of our worthy and beloved dean, Prof. M. Loy, D. D. A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the Board, and carried to the distinguished patient by a com-

mittee. May the Lord's good and gracious will be done also in this matter. Respectfully submitted,

G. DILLMANN, *Secretary.*

E. A. BOEHME, *President.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hand the documents pertaining to the various educational institutions of Synod and the English hymn book. We beg leave to submit the following report:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

a) God be praised for His goodness and mercy in past years. We recognize the small number of candidates for the ministry and deplore the same. While we further recognize that the teachers of our institutions should do all in their power to increase the attendance, yet we suggest that especially our pastors and teachers exert their influence upon gifted young men. We would further call the attention of our congregations to the fact that the small salary has much to do with the lack of ministerial candidates and we urge them to give their pastors a better support. We further urge upon parents to consecrate their sons to this blessed work.

b) We express our satisfaction that one of our theological students, Baba N. Shabaz, has gone out into the foreign field. While this movement is a private one, we yet wish it God's richest blessing.

c) We approve the resolution of the Seminary Board prohibiting theological students from serving vacant congregations without the consent of the District President, and at the same time we earnestly advise vacant congregations and neighboring pastors to go the way of order, viz: to consult with the District Presidents in permanently filling such pulpits.

d) With reference to our venerable Prof. M. Loy, D. D., your committee recognizes his eminent services in the church and gives thanks to God for the same. We regret that we cannot enjoy these services in the same full measure as in the past and we pray that God may be his support in his declining days, and that He will enable His servant still to be useful in the church.

We recommend:

1. That Dr. M. Loy be made Prof. emeritus with a voice and a vote in the Faculty and with the privilege of doing such work in our school as may be agreeable to him.

2. That his present salary be continued from the institution treasury.

3. That the Seminary and College Boards provide for his work either by distributing the same among the present members of the Faculty or by calling another man.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a. Adopted. In the discussion of this item it became manifest that there is a great dearth of pastors among us and that every effort should be put forth to supply this want. It was emphasized that the establishment of parochial schools might, to a great extent, aid us in increasing the number of our ministerial candidates.

Items b and c adopted.

d. In connection with this point a motion was made that in the opening service Friday afternoon, special reference be had to our venerable Dr. M. Loy, and that intercession be made for him.

d. One and 2 adopted.

d. 3. After a lengthy discussion the following was offered as a substitute for this item and adopted: That the Seminary and College Boards be instructed to proceed and immediately call another man.

It was remarked that the proposition of the committee confuses the matter and does not state definitely what should be done. It is evident that the work in the Theological department must suffer unless some provision is made for it, inasmuch as Dr. M. Loy is no longer physically able to attend to it. The Board desires and should receive definite instructions. For the present, at least, the work will have to be distributed among the other professors, as past experience has proven that considerable time elapses before a man can be secured. The smallness of our present classes does not alter matters, as it requires no more preparation and labor to teach larger classes. To divide the work for any length of time can only prove injurious. The tone

and character of all our Synodical work depends mainly upon the work done in our Theological Seminary. This should be as extensive and thorough as possible. It is a recognized fact that more work should be done in this Seminary. No fault can be found with the quality of the work done here, but the quantity, and for this purpose more men are needed. Hence the dividing of the work should be done only to meet an emergency, and Synod should instruct the Board to proceed and call a new theological professor at once.

To the remark that such action of Synod might have a depressing effect upon our worthy Dr. Loy, it was replied, that such action would meet his entire approval, and that now, after 46 years of arduous labor, it would only grieve him to see the work stand still or go backward, which would evidently be the case if some provision is not made at this Synod to supply his place. It was further said that the proposition to make him a professor emeritus meets his hearty approval. In this connection it should not be forgotten that Dr. Loy's classes are among the most important. Self-evidently the calling of a new man will necessitate an increase in the appropriation for this institution.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In submitting this, our biennial report, we are reminded that this is our first report in the second fifty years of the existence of our Institution — if it please God to spare us so long — and the first in the twentieth century; and as we look back upon the great things God has done for us, and as we look out into the future, it is but meet that we should pause here for a moment to say with Samuel, "Eben-ezer! Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" and to add, Henceforth He will be our helper also.

The past two years have not been out of the ordinary: we have moved in the even course of our way, doing the work the Lord has given us to do. A general view of our work and our wants and condition generally is presented in the following statements:

I. OUR PROFESSORS.

Our nine professors, in general, have been in fair health, and have been enabled to carry on their work faithfully and successfully, excepting that in the last month of the scholastic year, our venerable senior professor, Dr. M. Loy, has been incapacitated for work by sickness. It is our earnest prayer that God may restore him to health, and that he may be spared to us for years to come.

II. OUR STUDENTS.

While the sum total of our students, in 1900–1901, showed a decrease as compared to 1899–1900, owing to a decrease in the Seminary, the number in the preparatory or academic department and college was the same; but in the year 1901–1902, owing to special efforts put forth, thirty-three new students were added to the preparatory and college departments, making a decided increase; though the Secretary of the Seminary Board will, no doubt, have to report a loss. In 1901 there were but seven graduates, and in 1902 but five, and of these only a few will enter our Seminary.

We are pleased to state in this connection, that the President of Capital University is actively engaged in canvassing the field for students, not only during the scholastic year, but in vacation especially, and that all our professors have arranged to canvass for students during the summer months; and the outlook is hopeful and encouraging.

While there have been some cases of severe discipline, and the conduct of the students has not always been satisfactory, there has been an improvement under the new management, which gives us a housefather again, or rather merges the housefathership and the presidency into one office.

III. DEGREES.

The seven graduates of 1901 each received the degree of A. B., and of the five graduates of 1902, four received the degree A. B., and one the degree B. Sc.

The degree Ph. D. was conferred upon Prof. C. Ackermann, of Lima College, Lima, O., as a recognition of his educational attainments and work; and the degree of A. M. was conferred upon the Reverends J. Sheatsley, Delaware, O., and W. E. Tressel, Fremont, O., and Dr. J. S. Beck (M. D.), Dayton, Ohio, for distinguished attainments as evidenced in literary work submitted.

IV. THE PRESIDENT.

As instructed by your honorable body, the Board finally found an efficient President in the person of Prof. L. H. Schuh, Ph. D., who was installed at Christ church, September 27, 1901. The Board has drawn up the proper regulations in accordance with the expressed will of the Synod, which are to govern him. He has already submitted two semi-annual reports, both of which have been received with satisfaction by the Board, who rejoice in the hopeful outlook for the school.

V. CHANGES IN COURSE OF STUDY AND TEXT-BOOKS.

Some changes have been made in the course of study and text-books, which, it is hoped, are an improvement. The study of Greek has been dropped from the Preparatory or Academic Department, and will be begun in the Freshman class, inasmuch as by the old arrangement too many language studies were begun by the student at the same time, and students from other academies or high schools, entering our Freshman class, carried their Greek a year behind, thus leading to difficulties through their whole course. What has been lost in this way, may be made up in devoting more time to the study of Greek in the college proper.

Private work has been done in voice-culture and vocal music, in the past year, and the Board has decided to introduce these into the regular course in the future.

Text-books in United States and General History have been changed for better ones. Harper's Hebrew vocabularies, and similar Latin and Greek vocabularies, will be introduced.

VI. GERMAN PROFESSORSHIP.

German and the German professorship have been a constant theme of the Board for fifty years, and various provisions have been made to endow such professorship. At the last meeting of the Board the following was passed:

"*Resolved*, That we respectfully petition Joint Synod to set aside of the annual surplus of the 'Lutherische Kirchenzeitung' the sum of $1,000 for the purpose of endowing a professorship of the German lan-

guage and literature, until the amount of $30,000 be reached; said sum being invested with proper security in the Lutheran Book Concern, at the rate of 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually."

VII. THE PREPARATORY, OR ACADEMIC, DEPARTMENT.

After discussing ways and means of keeping the younger students under better supervision, as to habits of study, etc., it was

"*Resolved*, That we recommend to Joint Synod the removal of the preparatory or academic department from Columbus to Woodville, O."

VIII. VISITING COMMITTEES.

In accordance with the instructions of your honorable body, committees have been appointed from time to time to visit our institution, attend recitations of the classes, and report to the Board in writing.

Inasmuch as no provision was made the institution has borne the expenses of such committees till the Synod should meet; and we now respectfully request Joint Synod to make provision for the future expenses of such visiting committees.

IX. INSTITUTION SUNDAY.

At the last meeting of Joint Synod, it was "Resolved that our pastors be requested to preach at least once a year on our educational work," and we now refer to your honorable body the propriety of setting apart a special Sunday for that purpose.

X. LOTS AND OTHER REAL ESTATE.

It was also "Resolved, That we refer to Joint Synod the question as to what shall be done with the lots and other real estate in land, not in connection with the college campus."

XI. IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

We have found it imperative, for the preservation of our property, the health and convenience of students, success of teachers and to preserve against greater loss, to repair and improve our buildings at once; and we have instructed our executive committee to have the dormitory, inside, papered or painted, and other needed repairs made, the old filthy closet to be replaced by a sanitary one, fire-escapes to be placed on the building in accordance with the laws of Ohio. Furthermore, we have instructed our executive committee to secure data on the cost of "pointing up" the brick-work and painting the wood-work, on the outside of the dormitory, which we assure you is absolutely necessary; also the cost of laying a cement walk from the northwest gate of the building to the dormitory — which data they are to lay before your honorable body for action and further instruction.

XII. FINANCES AND APPORTIONMENTS.

As will be seen from the report of our treasurer (or his assistant), our finances are in a healthy condition; but in making your new financial apportionment we beg the honorable Synod to consider and make proper allowance for the following items:

a. Prof. S. A. Singer, who has done satisfactory work for five years, and who puts in as much time in teaching as any member of the faculty, and more than most of them, receives the smallest remuneration. We have resolved to add $100 to his salary annually, until the total annual salary shall have reached $1,000. To do this, it will be necessary to have our appropriation increased.

b. We have voted $300 annually, for the teaching of voice-culture and vocal music, which the prospective minister by all means greatly needs; and we request your honorable body accordingly to make the additional appropriation.

c. The extensive repairs undertaken and carried out by our executive committee, as well as those other necessary repairs urged upon the attention of your honorable body, and concerning which they will report, will need to be provided for in an additional appropriation, which appropriation is also requested by the Board.

May the blessing of the Most High rest upon our beloved Synod and upon her deliberations, and may He prosper the work of her hands.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Burry, *Secretary.*

E. G. Tressel, *President.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) Item IV. *The President* — Your committee rejoices that the office of President of Capital University has been filled. We hope that the results will prove satisfactory.

b) Item V. *"Change in Course of Study and Text-Books"* — Your committee recommends that the action of the Board in changing certain text books and the introduction of voice-culture and vocal music into the college curriculum be approved.

c) Item VII. *"The Preparatory or Academic Department"* — We move that this resolution be not approved.

d) Item VIII. *"Visiting Committees"* — We move that the expense of such visiting committees be paid from the treasury of Joint Synod.

e) Item X. *"Lots and other Real Estate"* — We move that from the college and seminary funds, such as scholarships, legacies, etc., suitable dwellings be erected on said lots and that such dwellings be rented.

f) Item XI. *"Improvements and Repairs"* — We approve of the repairs already made and move that the rest spoken of be also made, but without increasing the appropriations.

g) Item XII. *"Finances and Appropriations"* — We approve the increase of Prof. S. A. Singer's salary as well as the appropriation of $300 for voice-culture and vocal music.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items *a* and *b* adopted.

Item *c*. In support of the proposition to transfer the Preparatory Department of Columbus to Woodville and the higher classes at Woodville to Columbus, it was said that it should be done, not only for the sake of doing more thorough work, but also for the sake of discipline. To place boys in matters of discipline on the same level with young men does not give satisfaction. Such a step would also prove advantageous to our theological students at Columbus, as it would offer them an opportunity to become better acquainted with the subject of pedagogics. Underlying this movement was also the idea of transferring one of our professors at Woodville to Columbus, Ohio.

To this it was replied that such a step would mean the ruin of our Teachers' Seminary, as it would cripple the work in all departments more or less. Though this is not the purpose of this proposition, yet it would be the inevitable result. And though Synod take such action, it still remains a question whether students would comply with it. Item *c* was then adopted.

d) Adopted.

e) In support of this item it was said that there is a demand for residences, and that there would be no difficulty to rent them to some of our professors or for boarding houses. The ground as it lies there barely pays for itself, and should be made to yield a better profit. This is also in perfect accord with the wishes of the donors of this property. Besides the erection of such buildings should be encouraged in order that we might build up a Lutheran neighborhood near our College. It should not be forgotten that this proposition came from practical business men, and had their entire approval. To the objection that ground was not favorably located for building purposes, it was replied that residences could be erected that would give entire

satisfaction. The question was raised, however, whether it would not be better, wiser and more profitable to invest money in a business building on our lots in the city. After some further discussion the following was offered as a substitute for item *e*, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to erect a professor's residence, if it be certain that five per cent. can be realized on the investment.

Items *f* and *g* adopted.

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The undersigned, secretary of the board of directors of Luther Seminary, begs leave to submit the following report to the honorable Joint Synod:

By the grace of God the work of our Seminary was richly blessed during the last two years. God's grace and faithfulness reigned over our institution, so that no accident or danger visited it. Without interruption our professors could labor in harmony and faithfulness.

At the beginning of our school year three of our students were sick with typhoid fever. All three were taken to the city hospital and cared for free of charge. Through this, further cases of sickness were prevented. During the last year the condition of the health of all concerned has been extraordinarily good. Serious cases of refractory behavior and the like there are none to report.

In the school year 1900-1901 the number of pupils was thirty-seven, of which number twelve received and accepted calls; in the year 1901-1902, thirty-six students were in attendance; of these four were graduated.

Last year the board of directors concluded to make a change in boarding the students and heating the building. In regard to boarding the students it was decided to adopt the arrangement which exists in our institution at Columbus. The former steward, Rev. C. Schreiner, resigned. Mr. Martin Allwardt accepted the position as janitor and Mrs. M. Allwardt as cook of the boarding club, conducted by the students. The new arrangement has thus far given entire satisfaction. Although the price of victuals was much higher than in former years, the students were able to furnish board for $1.50 per week. Finally, the honorable Joint Synod is reminded that the term of office of the following persons has expired: Rev. H. Eisenbach and Rev. J. H. Koepplin, Mr. C. Burkhardt and Mr. A. Wier. Synod should therefore nominate and elect four candidates to fill these vacancies. In the name and by order of the board of directors of Luther Seminary. Respectfully,

J. D. Meyer, *Secretary.*

Constitution of Luther Seminary as Amended and Adopted by Synod.

SECTION 1. OBJECT.

The object of this Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States is the education of pastors.

SECTION 2. CONFESSION.

The confession to which the professors of this seminary pledge themselves and according to which the students shall receive their training, is the confession of our synod. Synod acknowledges all the canonical books of the Old and New Testament as norm and guide of doctrine and life and the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Concordia, 1580) as the pure and uncorrupted exposition of God's Word.

SECTION 3. MANAGEMENT.

(*a*) *Board of Directors* — The seminary shall be managed by a board of directors elected by Joint Synod. This board shall be composed of four pastors and three laymen. The term of office shall last four years. Every two years four and three members, respectively, must be elected. The board elects its own president, secretary and treasurer. Meetings are to be held at least once a year. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

(*b*) *President or Director* — The first theological professor shall manage the seminary as its President and Director.

(*c*) *Faculty* — The professors of this seminary constitute the faculty.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

(*a*) *Board of Trustees and Directors* — This board shall: —

1. See to it that the doctrines taught in the seminary be in harmony with the Word of God and the symbolical books of our Church.
2. Give attention, that the professors be found faithful in their office and work and that they live an exemplary life.
3. See that in the management of the steward due economy be exercised.
4. Examine carefully the books of the treasurer.
5. See to it that the property of the seminary be preserved in good order.
6. If any vacancy occur between the meetings of Joint Synod the Board of Trustees and Directors shall be authorized to fill the vacancy according to the order prescribed by Synod.
7. The board is responsible for all of its acts to the Joint Synod and must report to this body every two years, and as often as said Synod demands a report.

(*b*) *President or Director* — The President of the seminary shall not only be found faithful in his office as teacher, but he shall also see to it that studies be properly divided among his colleagues and that these, his associates, faithfully teach according to the outlined annual schedule. In all cases of admissions into and dismissals from the seminary, his voice and vote is decisive, though he is advised to act in harmony and with the approval of the profesors. He must also see to it that a Christian spirit rule in the institution.

He shall have supervision over the students with respect to discipline, conduct, diligence, recreation, cleanliness, order and obedience.

SECTION 5. ALTERATIONS.

This constitution may at any time be changed by the Joint Synod; the article treating of the confessions, however, shall ever remain unaltered.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) We express our satisfaction with the report of the Board and rejoice that the work is in a prosperous condition, and that 16 candidates could be sent into the ranks of the ministry.

b) We express our thanks to the City Hospital which so kindly cared for three of our students during an attack of typhoid fever.

c) We move that the change in boarding and heating be approved.

d) In answer to the resolution of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Districts we move that the question of the merging of the seminaries be dropped.

Finally, we move that the constitution be approved and adopted.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

The report of the committee was adopted without change. The statutes of the Luther Seminary were then adopted as printed above. In this connection the following resolution was offered and passed by Synod:

Resolved, That the Board of the Luther Seminary, be advised to erect a professor's residence on the campus of said institution, provided that the money necessary for such a building can be obtained as a permanent loan from endowment funds belonging to one or the other of the institutions of Synod.

TEACHERS' SEMINARY, WOODVILLE. O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

By order of the board of directors of the Teachers' Seminary, the undersigned submit to the honorable Joint Synod the following report:—

During the last two years, 1900-1902, our dear Teachers' Seminary has again, under the Lord's merciful protection, accomplished its noble object and has sent forth eight well-equipped teachers into the great harvest field of our Lord.

The regular instructions during said space of time have in no wise been disturbed or interfered with. The board of directors met regularly in February and June of each year and found everything in desirable order. Serious cases of illness both in regard to the professors and the pupils of the institution are not to be recorded, thanks to God! The panic caused by the smallpox in June, 1901, also soon subsided. Only one student evinced symptoms of this malady. The patient was sent to his home forthwith (six miles from Woodville) and on the morrow the institution was quarantined by the local board of health. A week later the inmates of school were permitted to go to their respective homes.

The epidemic interfered with the usual run of academic affairs only in so far as the usual closing exercises, commencement and the like, could not take place.

And this year, likewise, the customary closing ceremonies could not be observed for the reason that two graduates had to be dismissed several months before close of school. This dismissal was approved of by the board. The two young brethren in question are W. Bieritz and Leopold Moench; the former took the congregational school of Rev. A. O. Swinehart, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and the latter followed the urgent call from Rev. P. H. Hass' congregation, Granton, Wis.

February 12, 1901, the board was reorganized by electing new officers: Rev. P. Raether, president; Teacher J. Stumpf, secretary; Prof. C. F. Theiss, treasurer.

According to the reports of the faculty thirty (30) pupils attended our institution during the scholastic year 1900-1901, and twenty-six in the year 1901-1902.

The ladies' society of the Solomon's congregation of this place also has in the usual kind and zealous manner, worked in the interest of the school, all of which has been thankfully appreciated and acknowledged by the Board.

The resolution of Joint Synod concerning the appointment of an annual examination committe has been promptly heeded by the Board.

The board gratefully acknowledges to Joint Synod its sincere satisfaction with the fact that the honorable body has so readily approved the suggestions and advice of the board as mentioned in the official

report of the board of 1900, and that the observation and execution of said measures has been enjoined by a special resolution of Synod. The board is still convinced that a conscientious practice of those suggestions would have a most salutary and reviving influence upon the parochial schools within our Synod. The board begs leave to inquire of Joint Synod whether said suggestions and measures have been faithfully heeded and executed during the past two synodical years. The board would also venture the inquiry, why our home mission board has ceased to support the parochial school teacher of Martin Luther congregation, Cleveland, Ohio.

As regards other interests of our dear institution at Woodville, e. g., repair of buildings, competency of the quota fixed by Synod, and the like, we can report but favorably; especially in point of finances we would call attention to the fact that after all expenses, bills, etc., up to date have been paid, a credit to the amount of $500 remains in favor of the Seminary. In this connection it is also to be stated that of the entire number of pupils, only two or three are partially beneficiaries.

Inasmuch as Mr. Carl Vogel, teacher of Solomon's church at Woodville, Ohio, has for years already untiringly and without remuneration performed the difficult task of a training teacher in our seminary, and, in addition, lectured on practical method once per week, and inasmuch as these services are of great importance for our teachers and schools, the board prays this honorable body to remunerate Mr. C. Vogel with an annual salary of $100.

At the meeting of the board of June 18, 1902, it was *Resolved*, That the board recommend to Synod to increase the salary of Prof. Phil. Gauff $50 per annum, and thus put him on the same basis with Prof. C. F. Theiss in point of salary. (Copied from minutes.)

In conclusion we would inform Joint Synod that the term of office of the following members of the board expires with date: Pastors J. M. Johanssen and J. Vollmar; Teacher J. Stumpf and Mr. C. Sander.

An itemized statement of the finances of the institution will be furnished by Prof. C. F. Theiss.

May the Lord, our God, mercifully continue to keep and protect our beloved teachers' seminary.

Respectfully,

P. Raether, *President.*

July 19, 1902. Jacob Stumpf, *Secretary.*

ACTION OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) We express our satisfaction with the report of the Board and give thanks to God that eight graduates could be sent out and that the finances of the school are in a flourishing condition.

b) We move that our theological Faculties be called upon to give an answer to the first question of the Board; and that our Mission Board be asked to answer the second question.

c) We move that $100 be given annually to Mr. Carl Vogel for his services in our school; and that the salary of Prof. Phil. Gauff be increased by $50.

d) We move that the question of co-education at Woodville be referred to the Districts for discussion.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a) Adopted.

b) The information asked for in this item was given and in this connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we again call attention to the great importance of educating our theological students to an appreciation of the high value of a parish school for the growth of a truly Lutheran congregation.

Item *b* was then adopted. Also *c* and *d*.

ST. PAUL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, HICKORY, N. C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The board of directors of St. Paul's Preparatory School, Hickory, N. C., herewith submits the following report to the honorable Joint Synod of Ohio:

At the meeting of the Joint Synod of Ohio in September, 1900, the school at Hickory, N. C., which was begun by Concordia District Synod about twenty months prior to that date, was received by Joint Synod as one of her institutions.

The following board was elected to take charge of the school, to-wit: Revs. E. L. S. Tressel, W. E. Schramm, L. P. Propes and J. E. Barb; Messrs. G. A. Dobler, S. M. Hamrick and L. M. Thornburg.

The board met at Hickory, October 10, 1900, and organized as follows: Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, president; Rev. J. E. Barb, secretary; Mr. S. M. Hamrick, treasurer.

St. Paul's Preparatory School is the name that was given to the school by the board. The name of the school suggests its nature — its principal object is to prepare young men who have the ministry in view for entering Capital University.

Revs. L. M. Hunt and J. E. Barb were called as teachers; the former, as principal; the latter, as assistant.

During the two years the average daily attendance of students was about thirty. Fifty per cent. of this number was from our Synod.

There are four young men in school who have the ministry in view. One of these will enter Capital University in the fall of 1903. We would also state that one young man has already completed the course here and is now in Capital University.

At a meeting in the spring of 1901, the board became convinced that the school building should be repaired. It was, therefore, resolved that the building be covered with slate (slate was used because it was thought that it would be cheaper in the long run than either tin or shingles, both on account of its durability and of its reducing the cost of insurance) and that other necessary repairs be made. This work was done during the summer at a cost of about $800.00.

The property has been insured for a period of five years, beginning August 1, 1901.

Finally, we bring to the notice of Synod that the time of Revs. W. E. Schramm and L. P. Propes and Mr. L. M. Thornburg as members of the board has expired.

In the name of the board of directors,

J. E. BARB, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) Your committee expresses its satisfaction with the report of the Board and the hope that the school will prove to be a feeder for Capital University.

b) We approve of the repairs made by the Board.

The above report was adopted by Synod without change.

LIMA COLLEGE.

It is moved to notify the Lima Lutheran Educational Association that the Joint Synod is ready to receive overtures with reference to a closer relation to Lima College and that such overtures be placed before our Districts for discussion before the next convention of this body.

The above was adopted by Synod.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The undersigned, a member of the Board of the Wernle Orphans' Home, hereby submits to Synod in the name of the invalid President of the Board, the following bi-ennial report:

In looking back on the last two years we have every reason to be grateful to our faithful God, who has promised to be a Father of the orphans and a comforter to the forsaken and distressed, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." Sam. 3, 22. 23.

Indeed, the great God and Protector of mankind, who hears the groanings of those that are His and is not deaf to the pleadings of His servants, has kept a watchful eye on the home day and night. He has warded off misfortune and calamity from our door and permitted His glorious sun to shine friendly upon us. God has protected the institution entirely against all serious sickness and even the lighter ailments have been comparatively few in number. Two winters ago, while the measles and the grippe, and last winter, while the small-pox were raging in our city, the words of the psalmist were fulfilled: "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." Psalm 91, 4-7. This God has done purely out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. Thanks be unto Him! We need to report but one death, Conrad Barkow, a 16-year-old boy of Appleton, Wis., who died of consumption a year ago last December. There has been no scarcity of food and clothing, for which fact we need to thank God and the kind givers, who show their love not only in words, but also in deeds.

As to the financial condition of the institution, the reports of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary will give the necessary information. The expenditure for the last two years are somewhat higher than before; the reason of this lies partly in the fact that we paid old bills to the amount of $1,631; partly also in this, that last year, owing to the long drought, we could harvest but very little from the farm and garden. But during the last two years we were able to meet our bills promptly from month to month. Several small legacies have also again been given to us. The total amount of these now reaches the sum of $8,808.58, which has been loaned our Book Concern at 5 per cent. We would again

petition the honorable Synod to assume our debt, which has been caused by the erection of the new school building. It amounts to $3,914.

At the August meeting of last year Teacher Maier, who had served the institution very faithfully and successfully for a period of five years, resigned his position on acount of the ill-health of his wife. Rev. G. Long, of New Lebanon, O., was called as his successor, and he assumed the duties of his office November 1, 1901; and we sincerely thank the Lord our God that we are able to report to Synod that the house-father, as well as the house-mother, have in a comparatively brief period of time gained for themselves the affection, respect and confidence of the orphans. Christian conduct and order prevail in the Home and God's Word and Spirit pervades the whole house.

There are 66 children in the school, 32 in the upper grade and 34 in the lower. Twelve of these were outsiders. Both languages are used in the schools. In most of the secular branches the English language is used; twice a week the English language is used in the religous instruction also. The catechetical instructions, preparatory to confirmation, have so far been imparted by the undersigned in our good old German language. If Synod wishes to make a change herein, let it so resolve. B. Hahm, teacher of the second grade, has resigned his position. So far no steps have been taken to fill the vacancy.

There are at present 75 children in the Home, including those employed as assistants, 44 boys and 31 girls. Six of these children are not yet of school age. Of the 75 children 25 are full orphans and 50 are half orphans. On Palm Sunday of last year 10 children were confirmed, 6 boys and 4 girls; this year, 4 boys. During the last two years 18 children were received into the Home; and 18 children still amenable to the authorities of the Home are employed outside of its bounds. One is a student in our Seminary at Woodville. Among the number of orphans is also Ida Borchardt with her child.

The personnelle of the institution consists of Walter Schiewetz, launderer and shoemaker; one farm hand, who is assisted by two confirmed boys; three daughters of the orphans' father, who are assisted by nine confirmed girls in the performance of the various domestic labors.

Of domestic animals we have three horses, seven cows, two calves, eleven hogs and a goodly number of fowls. As to the farm products and the like, we would direct Synod's attention to the accompanying report of our farm inspector.

Regarding the external affairs of the institution, we have added a brick coal shed to the main building, which became necessary by the erection and equipment of our laundry building. The resulting expenses of this whole improvement, including the pump, reservoir and pipes for water, the laying of a cement floor and the like, amounted to something over $2,000. As the Board had on hands $1,600 for this purpose, donated by the friends of the Home, the Synod will need to bear but $400 of this expense. An urgent need has thus been supplied. The Board would petition Synod to sanction this extra outlay, so much the more, because

the erection of the elevated water-tank, which had been resolved upon by Synod, has in this way become unnecessary.

In this connection we would draw attention to the condition of our institution building, which is in very bad shape. The floors, beams, stairs, roof and the like are in such a condition that something very thorough will have to be done, if we would stand in the sight of God and our own conscience. In former years the Board used the money gathered at the orphans' festivals for the necessary repairs; since this source of income has been closed, the Board has not been able to do anything worth mentioning in this direction. In worse shape still is the teacher's dwelling. Our teacher and his family are hardly able to protect themselves against the cold and rain, to say nothing of even ordinary conveniences which such a dwelling should offer. When the old building was temporarily made barely habitable six years ago, this was done with the express understanding that it was to do service only for a short time. But nothing has since been done. If this state of things is to be remedied, it seems to us that it cannot be done better or more cheaply than by the erection of an entirely new dwelling.

We would also draw the attention of the Synod to the farm of 58 acres, situated beyond the cemetery. About two months ago we took pains to explore the lower part of this farm thoroughly, and we are sorry to report that about 30 acres of the farm lie in an untilled state like a veritable wilderness. The lower part is a swamp, the upper part a bare hill, and the woods so overrun with underbrush and wild vines, almost impenetrable for either man or beast. Our farm inspector declares that, in order to make the land fruitful the Synod would have to invest considerable sums. We deem it our duty to call attention to this matter, in order that Synod may consider it and give the Board the necessary instructions.

Finally, we would call attention to the great number of half orphans in our institution. Our pastors and congregations should remember that our Home is designed only for full orphans, that is, for such as have no parents, nor relatives, nor own means of support. Such have always found and always will find an open door with us and a prompt reception. But, sorry to say, there seem to be in our Synod altogether too many who are inclined to use our Home to cater to their own personal convenience and recklessly to load burdens on our institution, which, according to every principle of divine and human law, they should bear themselves. Many pastors and congregations seem to take the view, that the rearing of orphan children in an orphans' home is the best way of caring for such indigents. This is by no means the truth in the matter, as a careful observation of seven years on our part has taught us. An orphan child is best cared for if it is brought into a truly Christian family. Our pastors and congregations should recognize this and therefore urge that church members, who are able, adopt such orphan children and rear them according to the words of our Savior: "Whosoever receiveth such a child in My name, receiveth Me." Matth. 18, 5.

Finally, we would call attention to the fact, that the time of service on the Board for Mr. J. Schultz and Rev. M. L. Baum has expired.

We recommend this institution to the charity, faithful care and providence of Synod.

In the name and by the order of the Board,

Respectfuly yours,

A. J. Feeger.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

We rejoice and thank the Lord upon reading the report of the Board of our Orphans' Home, according to which our God has again, during the past two years, abundantly blessed us by preserving the health of the inmates and richly providing them with the necessary food and raiment, and permitting us to train the children in our charge in the fear and admonition of the Lord. With regard to the financial condition of this institution we refer the Honorable Synod to the report of the treasurer and secretary.

Your committee would propose to Synod:

a) That the erection of a coal shed and a laundry be approved, and that a vote of thanks be tendered the kind donors who have given the larger part of money necessary for said improvements.

b) We recommend that the necessary repairs in the Home be made; and that $600.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

c) We recommend the erection of a dwelling for the teacher at the Home, and that a collection be held for this purpose throughout the entire Synod.

d) In regard to the thirty (30) acres of unproductive land, as mentioned in the report of the Board, it is the opinion of your committee that the Board be instructed to obtain a farmer as soon as possible, to take charge of the farm and garden at the Orphans' Home.

e) We also are of the opinion that orphan children are better provided for in Christian families, and request the Board to place children in good Lutheran families as opportunity presents itself. In regard to receiving children into the Home, who are only partly orphans, we advise the Board to adhere strictly to the constitution of the Orphans' Home.

f) We recommend that if no excursions are held for the purpose of making money and nothing besides regular meals be sold, that the congregation may hold orphans' festivals at any time suitable.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Introductory remarks were adopted.

a and *b* adopted.

Item *c* was adopted with the understanding that the sum expended was not to exceed $2,000, and that building be not begun until the entire amount is secured.

Items *d*, *e* and *f* adopted.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, ALLEGHENY, PA.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

In Christ beloved Fathers and Brethren: With adoration and praise we to-day look up to Him who in the last two years has so graciously provided for all our needs according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever."

Since our last report seven old people and one child entered our home. Five old people, for various reasons, left the institution, and one, as we hope, made his entrance into that Home where the aged regain eternal youth. We have at present five men, four women, two boys and one girl, who under the care and supervision of our deaconess, Sister Friedericke Ostermann, enjoy the blessings of the Home.

There were, as usual, a goodly number of applications, but most of them were of such a character that we could not entertain them. Aside from the fact that our institution was not established to relieve people of duties which God has imposed, our limited accommodations forbade any extension of our work.

This situation will soon be relieved. Acting on instructions of Synod, we purchased something over eighteen acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of the town of Mars, Pa., within five minutes' walk of our church there. Last fall we built an iron bridge over the run and planted an orchard of one hundred fruit trees, and within the last few weeks we let the contract for a new building 42x90 feet, which, for the present, is also to include the temporary home for children, and will offer accommodations for 50 to 60 inmates. This building, a substantial brick structure, will cost all told about $25,000.00. We hope to dedicate the building free of debt.

About one-half of our property in Allegheny was sold to St. John's General Hospital for $9,000.00. For the other half with the present Old Folks' Home building, we have as yet found no purchaser. Yet we hope if necessary, even without this sale, to successfully carry out our plans at Mars. By the sale of part of our property to the hospital we have given up our representation in the board of that institution. The new building will be provided with its own water supply, gas for light and fuel and steam heating. Besides the funds reported by our treasurer (about $15,000.00) we have up to date some $6,000.00 in subscriptions.

The terms of office of Rev. H. J. Reimann and Mr. L. Glück as members of this board have expired, and these vacancies are to be filled at this meeting of Joint Synod.

That the Lord may prosper our Home to the glory of His name is the prayer of your board.

H. J. SCHUH, *President.*
A. R. KULDELL, *Secretary.*

Allegheny, Pa., July 18, 1902.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE, AS ADOPTED.

We rejoice and together with the Board of this institution thank the Lord for his abundant blessings bestowed on the Home, and pray that the Lord may continue His kindness when the Home will be removed to Mars, Pa.,

A PROPOSITION.

In regard to the kind and liberal offer of Mr. P. of Mapleton, Minn., pertaining to the erection of an Old Folks' Home, your committee is not able to propose ways and means. The petition of your committee, however, is that Synod would consider this offer.

As this offer had been withdrawn, Synod took no action.

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

In submitting the report of this year's receipts and disbursements of Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the undersigned begs leave to offer the following suggestions:

1. As a result of the adoption, by many of our districts, of the measure introduced by the Minnesota District — that each pastor and teacher contribute to this fund, one per cent. of his salary, in addition to the annual collection held for its benefit — the receipts have during the past two years been greatly increased, in fact nearly doubled, having been raised from $2,859.44 to $4,250.81. I would suggest that all districts of the Synod, which have not yet adopted the aforementioned plna should do so; and at the same time, each district should appoint a collector or treasurer, whose duty it shall be, to see that the plan be carefully and completely carried out.

2. Since it seems to be the general desire that any pastor who is yet able to serve a small congregation, thereby securing what is but a pittance toward his maintenance, should not for this reason be debarred from the aid of this fund — most especially in those instances where the pastor is not being aided by the mission or district boards or treasury — and to guard against all further misunderstanding in connection with the above, I would suggest that the honorable Synod pass a general rule concerning it.

In the name of the Board,

J. BAUCH.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. In regard to this fund, your committee recommends that in the entire Joint Synod the rule be henceforth observed, that every pastor, professor and parochial teacher annually contribute one per cent. of his salary to this fund, also that every congregation of Joint Synod hold a collection once in the year for the benefit of this fund; each Distrist shall appoint its own collector or treasurer, whose duty it shall be to see to it, that this resolution be promptly and conscientiously carried into effect.

2. We recommend that the following persons be the beneficiaries of this fund:

a) The widows and orphans of professors, pastors and teachers, who actually stand in need of support.

b) Professors, pastors and teachers who are in part or wholly disabled for active service and who are in need of support.

3. In regard to the administration of this fund, your committee recommends:

a) That the Board of Administrators consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by Joint Synod, of which number three are to be pastors, two (2) teachers, and two (2) laymen, whose term of service shall be six, respectively four years, and whose election or re-election is to take place at each regular session of Joint Synod; the selection of these brethren should take place with a view to their respective homes which should be as near to each other as possible in order to avoid unnecessary difficulties and expense in their meetings.

b) It shall be the duty of this Board to conscientiously execute the plan and accomplish the object of this fund.

c) In granting the desired support to applicants, the Board shall seek the necessary information of brethren who are able to furnish the same, especially to inquire of the officers of the District to which the applicant belongs.

d) The Board shall organize itself by the election of a chairman, treasurer and secretary from its own number, and shall hold one regular session annually. All necessary expenses caused by such annual meeting shall be defrayed from the fund in question.

e) The Board shall be held responsible to Joint Synod for the administration of this fund, and shall report at each regular session of Joint Synod.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME:

Item 1. This proposition called forth considerable discussion. It was said, that this rule would prove burdensome to some of our pastors, especially, those receiving small salaries and our missionaries, thus burdening the consciences of some unnecessarily. Besides such a regulation is too legalistic in its character and against the spirit of Christ. Would it not be better to begin with one-half per cent., and thus bring the obligation nearer within the reach of all.

To this it was replied, that the proposition of the committee was not intended to be legalistic. No one would be compelled to pay the one per cent. if he found it impossible. Yet all should act conscientiously in this matter. No one can deny the necessity of this work—a work that must be carried on in the spirit of love. The necessity is before us and must be met by the Church. It was also affirmed that those receiving small salaries seem to be more willing to meet this obligation, knowing that it is the only way of providing for the unfortunates in case of death. This is true in the Minnesota District, where the plan has been tried. Nor does it follow, that those receiving large salaries are the more able to meet this obligation. Circumstances must be taken into consideration. Then, if the assessment of one per cent. is found to be too high, it can be reduced later. Let us begin with this. A little surplus in the treasury can do no harm. It is understood that the rent is to be deducted.

Item 1 was then adopted. Also item 2, *a* and *b*, and item 3, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* and *e*.

MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 28, 1902.

To the Hon. Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN — It gives us real pleasure to be permitted to report to an honorable Synod concerning the home mission work in our midst. In the past two years God has again shown both His love and His faithfulness towards us. He blessed the work of our missionaries beyond expectations. At the same time He did not forget to remind us quite forcibly of the fact that all which earth offers is imperfect and that we have here no continuing city. For reasons best known to himself Rev. Westheim left his post as pastor of the English congregation at Spokane, Washington, while death called to their reward Rev. H. P. Duborg, his wife, Mrs. Rev. H. Kaufmann, Mrs. Rev. G. Finke, Mrs. Rev. J. Cornils, Mrs. Rev. G. Fendler, and finally our esteemed president, Rev. C. H. Rohe, who had presided at our meetings for nearly eighteen years. They rest from their labors. Let us thank the Lord for all the good He bestowed upon these our friends and through them upon many others.

The treasurer's report shows that our receipts were sufficient to meet all expenditures. If only ways and means could be found to remove our old debt! Our congregations are evidently experiencing that it is more blessed to give than to receive. For this, too, we owe thanks to God.

While the work has prospered in all the districts of our Synod, the Minnesota District is the one which yields the quickest and richest returns. The Washington District comes next. But all the other districts offer plenty of room to gather numerous Lutheran congregations. The lack of suitable and available men is keenly felt. This very want will, no doubt, cause the board to give up some missions.

A door has been opened among the Slavonians. A congregation at Cleveland petitioned us to send them help. Remembering the action of Synod in this direction, the board requested Revs. Boehme and Dingeldey to investigate matters. They reported favorably. The board then began looking for a suitable man. A Rev. Havel was brought to our notice. This man studied at our Martin Luther seminary. Later on he was employed by the Pittsburgh Synod to labor among the Slavonians in Pennsylvania. This brother is at present serving the St. Paul and St. Peter congregation at Cleveland, Ohio.

Our English congregation at Spokane, Washington, has been vacant for some time. A number of calls have been sent out, but to no avail.

As a rule our missionaries should have better salaries. They are, in most cases, dependent entirely on their salary, since there are few perquisites. It is neither laudable nor profitable to compel our missionaries and their families to practice cruel self-denial. While it is at all times the endeavor both of the board and of our missionaries to gather people into the congregations just as fast as possible in order to make the missions self-supporting, the aim is still to build up *good Lutheran* congregations. It is true, not every effort is successful. Sometimes material finds its way into a mission congregation which should not be there. Sometimes missions are not as far advanced in the exercise of church discipline as they should be. They fare in this respect very much like many older congregations. It would, therefore, be well if the visitators and the district presidents would pay especial heed to our missions. Only in this way can we, with our present arrangements, help our young and often utterly inexperienced missionaries and our equally inexperienced mission congregations. Mere wishing, deploring and sighing will never remedy matters in this regard.

We are under special obligations to our honorable general president for valuable advice and aid.

The following seventeen fields have become self-supporting during the past two years: Arco, Minn.; Balfour, N. Dak.; Birnamwood, Wis.; Cleveland, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Endicott, Wash.; Hickory, N. C.; La Paz, Ind.; Marion, Ind.; Marion, Texas; North Tonawanda, N. Y.; Stockton, Ills.; Shawano, Wis.; Washington, Kansas; Wyandotte, Mich.; Alpena, S. Dak.

During the past twenty-three months ninety-eight different men received aid from the mission treasury. The number at any one time on our list varied from sixty-five to seventy-five, and even more.

The following eight congregations have returned all the money loaned them from the building fund: Birnamwood, Wis.; Chehalis, Wash.; Detroit, Mich., English congregation; Detroit, Mich., St. James congregation; Port Clinton, Ohio; Somerset, Wis.; Spokane, Wash., Eman. congregation; Zion's congregation, Va.

A number of other congregations have paid back a part of the money borrowed from the building fund.

For seven months the board supported a teacher in our Martin Luther congregation at Cleveland, Ohio. This became necessary through the vacancy caused by the calling away of the pastor. Many other urgent appeals for teachers could not be granted.

Much as the board desired to call traveling missionaries for our western districts, it succeeded in only one case, namely, in the Minnesota District. The brother is meeting with abundant success.

Rev. Rohe was obliged by his protracted sickness to resign as member of the board. The vacancy thus caused was with the consent of our general president filled by the board by electing Rev. P. F. Hein, of Valley Crossing, Ohio. Rev. Hein accepted the place with the understanding that he serve only until the meeting of Joint Synod. Prof. K.

Hemminghaus was elected president of the board. The following vacancies in the board must be filled:

Prof. K. Hemminghaus, term expires.

Rev. J. Beck, term expires.

Rev. C. H. Rohe, died; term expires 1904.

Rev. J. H. Schneider, resigned; term expires 1904.

As desired by Synod, the constitution of the Home Mission Board is submitted, together with this report. This constitution is found in the minutes of 1892 but has never been formally acted upon by Synod.

The following lists may be of interest:

A LIST OF ALL THE FIELDS RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THE MISSION TREASURY DURING THE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS.

Some of these fields are composed of several congregations. Some of these have in the meanwhile become the starting point for other charges. We may readily count on double the number of congregations. Some fields had to be given up; others were lost.

California.— Monrovia.

District of Columbia.— Washington, Grace; Washington, St. Matthew.

North Dakota.— Balfour, Balfour, traveling miss.; Bow Bells, Buffalo Lake; Fargo; Jamestown; Mariette; Valley City.

South Dakota.— Alpena; Annimoose; Arlington; Goodwin; Sisserton.

Idaho.— Cameron, Genisee, Melrose.

Illinois.— Chicago, Gnaden; Chicago, Faith; Crete; Stockton.

Indiana.— Crisman; La Paz; Ludlow; Marion; Richmond; South Bend; Staunton.

Iowa.— Germania; Manston; Titonka, Wesley.

Kansas.— Barnes; Bird City; Fairview; Ottawa; Sycamore Springs; Tescott.

Kentucky.— Augusta.

Louisiana.— New Orleans, Grace; New Orleans, Negro.

Maryland.— Baltimore, Concordia; Baltimore, Faith; Baltimore, Wilkins Ave.; Baltimore, Johnson.

Michigan.— Alpena; Detroit, St. Lukes; Detroit, Christus; Detroit, Gute Hoffnung; Detroit, Friedens; Detroit, Rev. Doescher; Detroit, J. J. Schmidt; Detroit, 1st English; Pontiac; Frankenmuth; Northville; Wyandott.

Missouri.— Kansas City; Virgil City.

Minnesota.— Arco; Billings; Bird Island; Brownton; Crookston: Duluth; Good Thunder; La Mars; Lake Elmo; Lester Prairie; Mountain Lake; Morris; Morgan; Princeton; St. Paul, St. Paul's; St. Paul, St. Matthew; Spofford.

Nebraska.— Benkelman; Carleton; Deshler; Glenville; Grand Island; Hastings; Lindsay; Stratton.

New York.— Tonawanda; North Tonawanda.

North Carolina.— Greensboro; Hickory; Worth.

Ohio.— Briceton; Butlerville; Canton; Chippewa Lake; Cleveland, Martin Luther; Cleveland, Paul and Peter; Columbus, St. Mark's; Columbus, St. Peter's; Columbus, St. Luke's; Columbus, Emanuel's; Dayton, Hope; Dayton, Christus; Franklin; Mingo Junction; New Lexington; Lisbon; Lorain; Martins Ferry; Massillon; Norwalk; Piqua; Pleasant Plains; Sandusky; Salem; Toledo; Youngstown.

Oregon.— Astoria; Aurora; La Grande; Oregon City; Peninsular; Portland; Salem; Shubel; Sherman County; The Dalles.

Pennsylvania.— Allegheny, Woods Run; Allegheny, Manchester; Allegheny, Eng. cong.; Allegheny, Spring Hill; Avalon; Coraopolis; Ginger Hill; Hickory; Indiana; Monessen; Pittsburgh, Orchard Place; Pittsburgh, S. Side; Starr; Tyrone.

Tennessee.— Knoxville.

Texas.— Belvedere; Brownwood; Cisco; Houston; Karnes City; Kingsbury; Marion; San Antonio (Dr. Steinman).

Virginia.— South Boston.

West Virginia.— Charleston; Newberg; Parkersburg.

Washington.— Addy; Almira; Bickleton; Chehalis; Davenport; Endicott; Fairfield; Farmington; Goldendale; Medical Lake; Odessa; Olympia; Orting; Puyallup; Ritzville; Spokane, German; Spokane, English; Sprague; Tacoma; Tacoma; Walla Walla; Winlock.

Wisconsin.— Amherst; Birnamwood; Clintonville; Columbus; Loyal; Madison; Merrill; Morgan; Pine River; Rib Falls; Shawano; South Kaukauna; Watertown; Wildwood.

A LIST OF ALL THE CONGREGATIONS WHICH RECEIVED LOANS FROM THE BUILDING FUND DURING THE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS.

Akron, Iowa; Atkins, Minn; Allegheny, Pa., Trinity; Alpena, Mich.; Allegheny, Pa., Spring Hill; Allegheny, Pa., St. Paul's; Animoose, North Dakota; Astoria, Oregon.

Baltimore, Md., Grace; Baltimore, Md., Faith; Birnamwood, Wis.; Brookfield, Minn.; Baltimore, St. James.

Cleveland, Ohio, Friedens; Cleveland, O., Martin Luther; Chicago, Ill., Gnaden; Chicago, Ill., Faith; Columbus, O., Grace; Columbus, O., St. Marks; Columbus, O., St. Paul's; Columbus, O., St. Luke's; Columbus, O., Emanuels; Charleston, W. Va.; Crete, Ill.; Coraopolis, Pa.; Crookston, Minn.; Canton, Ohio; Chehalis, Wash.

Detroit, Mich., St. Jacobs; Detroit, Mich, Christs; Detroit, Mich., Gute Hoffnung; Detroit, Mich, Gnaden; Detroit, Mich., English; Dayton, O., Good Hope; Dayton, O., Christus; Driscoll, W. Va.

Egan Township, Minn.

Friedensau, Neb.; Franklin, Ohio; Glenville, Neb.; Gettysburg, Ohio; Gratwick, N. Y.

Hazel Park, Minn.; Holloway, Minn.; Helena, Ohio.

Kalamazoo, Neb.; Kalama, Wash.; South Kankauna, Wis.

Lamberton, Minn.; La Paz, Ind.; Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Lima, Ohio.

Martins Ferry, O.; Marion, Ind.; Massillon, O.; Madison, Wis.; Merrill, Wis.; Mountain Lake, Minn.

New Waterford, O.; Niagara, N. Y.; Oregon City, Oregon; Osceola, Minn.; Oconto, Wis.

Patmos, Va.; Piqua, Ohio; Pomeroy, Ohio; Portland, Ore.; Port Clinton, Ohio; Peninsular, Ore.; Pocahontas county, W. Va.

Renville, Minn.; Ritzville, Wash.

St. Paul, Minn., St. Matthew; St. Paul, Minn., St. Paul; Spokane, Wash., English; Spokane, Wash., German; Shenandoah county, Va.; Salem, O.; Salem, Ore.; Somerset, Wis.

Tacoma, Wash., Trinity; Tacoma, Wash., Immanuel; Tacoma, Wash., new mission; Tonawanda, N. Y.; Thayer county, Neb.; Virginia, Zions.

Washington, D. C., Grace; Washington, D. C., St. Matthew; Winthrop, Minn.

Thanking the honorable Synod for the confidence placed in us, we remain its humble servants.

K. HEMMINGHAUS, *President.*
J. H. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary.*
J. BECK, *Treasurer.*

L. H. SCHUH, }
P. F. HEIN, } *Auditing Committee.*

Constitution of the Mission Board.

§ 1. The object of this Board is to regulate, supervise and promote our home mission work and to manage the affairs of our Building Fund.

§ 2. The organization of the Board shall consist of five members elected by Synod for a term of six years in such a manner that at one meeting two, at the next meeting two, and the third meeting one member is elected. After the meeting of Synod the Board shall elect from its members:

a) A President who shall preside at all meetings and call extra meetings.

b) A Treasurer who shall receive and pay out moneys as directed by the Board.

c) A Secretary who shall carry on all correspondence, keep accurate minutes, and furnish our pastors and congregations with such data as might be of interest and of benefit.

Vacancies occurring during the term shall be filled by the Board, with the approval of the General President.

§ 3. The duties of the Board are

A. In respect to calling and supporting men.

a) A man shall be called by the Board only after it is convinced that he is suited for the work, and is satisfied that the place to which he is to be called is a promising one.

b) The Board may grant aid to needy congregations in the support of their pastor after it has been advised to do so by the president of a District, by a conference, or by some responsible person.

c) Only such men shall receive support as are, or are about to become, members of Synod.

B. In respect to the Building Fund.

a) Only such congregations shall receive aid from this Fund as are members of our Synod or have given promise of becoming such.

b) This aid shall be given

1. Without interest.
2. As a rule for a term of not more than five years, unless the money is lent by individuals, and the note is presented by them to the Building Fund, then, of course, the donors may fix the terms.
3. As a rule, on first mortgage only.
4. Only after the Board has made a thorough investigation as to the financial standing of the congregation, and, if need be, only after one of the Board has visited the congregation seeking aid.

§ 4. Meetings may be held as often as deemed necessary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whilst it is true that the work of Home Missions has hitherto engaged the attention of our Synod almost exclusively, yet Foreign Missions have not been forgotten entirely. During the past two years again much thought and many a contribution has been given this worthy cause, to lend wings, as it were, to the second petition of the Lord's prayer, so that many might yet be reached and delivered out of the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son; of Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

May the Lord bless the givers and the gifts, and teach us by His Holy Spirit also in the future to help promote His cause when and where opportunity offers.

A mission without a strong reserve force at home cannot continue to exist. The prayers and material support of a strong, believing mission congregation at home, are not only the rational foundation but also the motive power for the growth of a congregation among heathens.

Total receipts from August 8, 1900, to July 16, 1902.....	$8,325 47
Expended during the same time.....	8,043 24
Balance	$282 23

(See the treasurer's book and accompanying vouchers.)

NOTE — Of the above named sum $823.54 were given for the relief of the famine-stricken, and $51.43 to Rev. Shabaz in Persia.

In conclusion the undersigned yet wishes to express his thanks to Synod for the confidence reposed in him during the ten years of his

official service; and respectfully asks his brethren to relieve him and place the burden upon younger shoulders. Respectfully,

J. G. BUTZ, *Treasurer.*

Zelienople, Pa., July 16, 1902.

COLORED MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

June 24, 1902.

BRETHREN OF SYNOD: — In making our report for the past two years we desire to remind you of the peculiar difficulties of the field to which we have been assigned. The people with whom we must work are to a great extent uneducated, unchurchly, poor, and, for the most part, prejudiced against Lutheran ways and customs. Our progress, as may be expected, has been slow. Notwithstanding all these disadvantages we believe we have made some advancement. The membership of our congregation in Baltimore, Md., is about the same as when we made our last report. True, members have been added to the congregation during these two years, but some have moved away and others have become indifferent. Hence we are not able to report much progress in this respect.

The present membership is thirty-two, average church attendance seventy-five. The Sunday school enrollment is sixty-four. Rev. Carter confirmed eight, baptized four, and married three couples.

The congregation collected for Synodical work and congregational expenses $140.42.

Synod gave the board authority to sell the property at Ivy Lane, located a few miles from the city of Baltimore. Recently the board disposed of this property, at the amount of encumbrance that was still on it, $1,000 mortgage and an annual ground rent of $72. Since then Rev. Carter has moved to the city in the neighborhood of the church, where it is hoped he will be able to devote more time to pastoral and missionary work. The board is paying his house rent. We have also been bearing the expenses of Marmaduke Carter, a son of Rev. Carter, while attending the Baltimore Colored High school. He has now graduated and declared to the board his desire to go to Capital University with the view of preparing for the ministry.

We have not as yet undertaken to establish a parochial school in Baltimore. We find that the expense for the necessary property and conducting such a school exceeds the amount suggested by Synod. Under existing circumstances the board did not deem it expedient to invest the little money available in this city, but concluded that more could be accomplished in another field.

At the last meeting of the Concordia District Rev. Phifer, a colored minister of Charlotte, N. C., and his congregation applied for admission into our Synod. The district referred this matter to the board for action. We have been assisting this congregation since last December to the extent of $28.50 per month on condition that they maintain a Lutheran ser-

vice and a parochial school. They report a parochial school with an enrolment of fity-six. Rev. Phifer teaches this school. The building in which the congregation conducts church and school is greatly in need of repair. Furniture for the school room is also needed.

A continued assistance to this work in North Carolina will require a more liberal contribution from Synod.

The following is a bi-ennial report of our treasurer, Mr. A. G. Snyder:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF COLORED MISSIONS.

June 18, 1900.

To balance	$486 51	
Received per Mr. Fred J. Heer	652 76	
Received per pastors and teachers	712 78	
Collection St. Philip's, Baltimore, Md	140 42	
Interest	20 00	
		$2,012 47

Disbursements.

Rev. N. Carter, salary	$800 00	
Marmaduke Carter's tuition, clothes, etc	104 25	
Ground rent (Eden St)	120 00	
Ground rent (Ivy Lane)	90 00	
Interest on mortgage (Ivy Lane)	80 00	
St. Mark's congregation, Charlotte, N. C	165 00	
Rent parsonage, Rev. N. Carter	144 00	
Music	139 50	
Repairs and painting	33 79	
Coal and wood	96 25	
Books and printing	29 92	
Traveling expenses	53 90	
Gas bills	16 00	
Rev. N. Carter, moving to Baltimore City	24 75	
Insurance	5 70	
F. J. Heer, St. Philip's mission call	1 00	
		$1,904 06
June 25th, 1902. To balance		$108 41

A. G. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

2141 Fairmount Ave.

At the March meeting of 1901 Rev. J. Hoerr, on account of ill-health, resigned as a member of the board.

With the approval of the general president of Synod, we elected Rev. J. F. Mueller to fill the unexpired term thus made vacant.

We call attention of Synod to the fact that the term of Rev. D. E. Snapp expires at this meeting. Most respectfully,

JUDGE J. DOBLER, *President.*
REV. D. E. SNAPP, *Secretary.*
MR. A. G. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*
REV. J. E. A. DOERMANN.
REV. J. F. MUELLER.
Board of Colored Missions.

JEWISH MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

BROTHERS AND FATHERS: — Having reported at length in the German language, you will pardon us if we refer you to that report for the thoughts that relate to the work of Jewish missions in general, and proceed to state a few things that refer to our work in particular.

The $12.00 a month at the disposal of the writer for work among Israel is to pay car fare, meals and incidental expenses when among them. May the Lord reward you for this kindness! The writer would be impelled to preach Christ to them anyway. This kindness, however, helps him to go, when strict economy, which circumstances force upon him, would bid him often to stay at home.

We have been distributing 100 copies monthly of "Berith Au" and 50 copies of a quarterly called "Dibre Hayomim." Both periodicals are published in Europe. Beside other literature, we spread 2,000 copies of our own publication, "Eine Unterredung," for Jews, and "Das rechte Verhalten der Christen den Juden gegenüber" 2,000 copies. We have in preparation a booklet entitled, "The Jewish View of Jesus Reviewed." It is intended for the modern, more cultured Jews. We would like to place a copy of it in the hand of every rabbi in this land. Pray that the Lord may use it to the upbuilding of His Kingdom among Israel.

We had a wide and open door the last two years, if we only had had the time to enter. We instructed a couple of small classes. Among them was a rabbi and a Jewish author and journalist. Because we have no provisions for the care of converts, we could baptize only one who don't need us. If the Lord would send us the right man, and if we could persuade a congregation located in a Jewish center, like Baltimore, for instance, to call him as an assistant pastor salaried by our treasury to assist the pastor loci on special occasions, but to work chiefly among the Jews — such an arrangement seems to us the most practical under our present circumstances. We believe Synod would support a man if we had him.

May the Lord guide us and bless us and make us a blessing to poor benighted Israel.

Two vacancies are to be filled this time, viz: that of Rev. A. R. Kuldell and Mr. Otto F. Mayer.

A. R. KULDELL.
O. S. OGLESBY.

Report of the Treasurer from September 15, 1900, to July 21, 1902.

Receipts from former treasurer	$426 79
Receipts per contributions	770 36
Total	$1,197 15
Expenditures	$325 23
Balance on hand July 21, 1902	$871 92

O. S. OGLESBY, *Treasurer.* A. R. KULDELL, *President.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) *Touching points in the President's Report.*

1. With thanks to Almighty God we recognize a healthful progress in all our work. In regard to the reception of the ministers hitherto constituting the Augsburg Synod we ask for further information.

2. We move that power of attorney be and is herewith granted to the President of Joint Synod authorizing him in case of necessity to secure and defend the property rights of this body by process of law.

3. Wherever a president is efficient we recommend to the Districts that he be kept in office as long as possible; furthermore, that in all cases of changes of pastors the president's advice be asked.

b) *Touching Missions.*

4. We express our heartfelt sympathy with the missionaries whose wives were called to their heavenly reward.

5. We are thankful that the collections for our home mission work were good, and recommend that our congregations be urged still to increase the contributions in order that the debt may be paid.

6. We express our deep regret at the want of suitable and available men that might be sent into the mission fields.

7. We sanction the action of the mission board concerning the sending of Rev. A. Havel to Cleveland, Ohio, to work among the Slavonians.

8. We hope that the board will succeed in securing the right man for our English mission in Spokane, Wash.

9. We heartily agree with the board that our missionaries should receive better salaries and recommend that the board be advised to act in this sense according to circumstances.

10. We hold that no difference should be made between self-supporting and mission congregations, and we therefore recommend that the visitators and the district presidents be held to give especial heed to the exercise of proper supervision over our missions in order that good Lutheran congregations be built up, and that no pastor shall receive aid out of the Home Mission treasury who does not earnestly oppose secret societies.

11. We move that the Synod express special thanks to the Honorable General President for his aid in the mission work.

12. We commend the action of the congregations which have become self-supporting, and of those which have refunded part or all of the money borrowed from the Building Fund, as an example to all congregations still receiving support.

13. We recommend that the board be authorized to place a school teacher in Spokane, Wash., and in other places where the circumstances demand it, and where it is practicable.

14. We express our joy that the board succeeded at last in one District in calling a traveling missionary.

15. We move that the constitution of the Mission Board be adopted with the following changes:

a) In the English copy shall be added at the end of § 2, *c*: "with the approval of the General President."

b) In the English and German copy, § 3, *b*, shall be made to correspond with the resolution of the Joint Synod, minutes of 1900, p. 83, No. 9.

16. Since it has pleased God to remove from our midst Rev. C. H. Rohe, who was the president of our Home Mission Board for eighteen years, and to translate him to the realm of bliss, where he can behold the sheaves as they are gathered in from the mission field, we desire herewith to express our humble submission to the gracious will of God in this our heavy loss, and that we heartily thank Him for all the good which He bestowed upon the departed brother and through him upon our Synod and the whole Church.

17. We move that Synod sell the building formerly in Hazel Park, Minn., to our St. Mark's congregation in St. Paul, Minn., for the sum of $75.00, as requested by the latter.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Home Missions.

Item 1 adopted. The information asked for in this item was given.

Items 2-9 inclusive, adopted.

In connection with item 9 the resolution was passed to increase the appropriation for Home Missions to $15,000 annually.

Item 10 adopted.

The subject was not whether Synod should take a stand upon the secret society question, for this was done years ago and still obtains among us, but rather to emphasize Synod's position and enable the mission board to exercise a better and closer supervision over her missionaries. That all secret societies are more or less sinful does not admit of question. But just what course to pursue in dealing with individual members of these societies becomes a difficult matter. Some may proceed more leniently and others more strictly. In building up mission congregations there is a temptation to laxity, and to hold our missionaries in bounds the above item was adopted.

Items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Foreign Missions.

a) The report of the committee concerning the establishment of a Foreign Mission of our own is still before Synod, also a resolution of the English District in regard to the same matter.

b) We rejoice that Christ's Church at Columbus, O., has enabled Bro. Baba N. Shabaz to work among the natives of Persia as a missionary and wish the congregation and the work God's richest blessing.

c) We move that the money for Foreign Missions collected in our Synod be paid as before to Hermannsburg. Our support to Hermannsburg should not be decreased in these times of distress in Africa.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a Adopted. In connection with this it was resolved, that a representative of the Hermannsburg Mission Society be invited to visit us two years hence at our expense and that said representative be empowered to transfer to us a station in India or in South Africa, as upon inquiry it may seem best for us.

b and *c* adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Negro Missions.

1. We are glad that some progress in the colored mission work has been made and that we gained foothold in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2. We propose that Synod allow the necessary amount for carrying on the work.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

The whole report was adopted.

Experience has taught us that if we would prosecute work among colored people, colored pastors must be secured. To this end the Board proposes to send two young men to Columbus.

Pertaining to the mission in Charlotte, N. C., the following explanation was given: The pastor there, Rev. Phifer, formerly a member of the Missouri Synod, had made proposals to our Synod, but as various obstacles and reports were interposed, the matter was dropped for the time being. This year again, Rev. Phifer, who had handed in his resignation to the Missouri Synod and which was received without protest, renewed his proposals once more. The investigation which was instituted proved satisfactory, so far as the pastor himself was concerned and also as to the difficulties between congregation and Missouri Synod. In view of this the board felt constrained to undertake the work which promises good results. The congregation has its own church property, pays $12.50 per month on salary and numbers between 50 and 60 communicants.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Jewish Missions.

We move that the Board of Jewish Missions be authorized to make arrangements with a congregation located in a Jewish quarter to call an assistant pastor to work chiefly among the Jews. His salary should be paid by the board.

The above report was adopted without change.

PUBLICATION MATTERS.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN:— Your board on publication matters herewith submits its ninth biennial report:

1. The board, as constituted by the election at the convention of Synod in 1900, met on the 25th of September, 1900, at the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio, and organized by electing Rev. S. P. Long chairman, J. Sheatsley secretary, Prof. Pfeiffer, Dr. Stellhorn and Dr. Charles Cooperrider as executive committee, and Dr. Cooperrider, Martin Hensel and Prof. Leonard as auditing committee.

2. It is worthy of note that there were no resignations nor other changes in the personnel of the board or of the various editorial staffs during the two years, with the exception that Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, on account of overmuch work, resigned as editor of the Lesson Leaf. The resignation was accepted at the meeting of June 19th, 1902, and at the meeting of July 14th Rev. S. Schillinger was appointed in his place.

3. The board is glad to report that the change of *Kirchenzeitung* and *Standard* to magazine form seems to have been a very satisfactory one, both to readers and editors.

4. Synod's attention is hereby called to a letter accompanying this report from Dr. Schodde, editor of the Theological Magazine. Serious complaint is made that it is next to impossible to secure suitable material for the pages of that journal.

5. The board asks whether, in order to increase the number of subscribers to Synod's periodicals, it may offer a remuneration, in the shape of cash, books or pictures to such as gather new subscriptions. The board asks this question because the expediency of offering such remuneration has been questioned.

6. *Sunday School Literature.* a.) The board can find no complete series of large charts that would serve as illustrations to our Biblical History, and to have such a series published would go far beyond the reach of our finances. This is in answer to a former resolution of synod that such charts be secured, if possible. We have not been able to secure small colored picture cards to all the lessons of our History.

b.) The board believes that a better and more complete series of books, both English and German, should be furnished our Sunday Schools. Accordingly synod is hereby memorialized to take steps at once toward the preparation of a thorough and complete graded series of text-books for our Sunday Schools.

7. *Text Book Committee.* To the board's knowledge no changes have taken place in this committee. The *Fibel* recommended by the

committee has been published. Other work has not been submitted to the board by said committee.

8. *The German Hymnal.* In regard to the liturgical part of the hymnal the Board recommends:

a.) That it be made to conform to that in the Agende. (The complete services as prepared by a committee appointed by the Eastern district are attached to this report);

b.) That the service be set to music;

c.) That it be placed in the fore part of the book.

9. *The English Catechism.* If any changes should be made in the text of the catechism in future editions, the board recommends that the text of the joint commission, representing the Joint Synod, General Council, and General Synod, be used.

10. *Book Department.* For various reasons the board believes that it would be to the interests of the Concern at large and to the Book Department in particular, if the latter were cut off from the jurisdiction of the general manager and placed under a management of its own.

11. *Profits for the General Treasury.* Inasmuch as the Book Concern still carries an indebtedness incurred by the purchase and erection of the plant the board hereby asks synod to reduce the per cent. of annual net gain to be turned over to the General Treasury from twenty per cent. to ten per cent., this reduction to hold good so long as the Concern carries an indebtedness.

12. *Publications Issued.* The following are the publications which were issued during the past two years:

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.

1900.		
Sept.	21.	11,000 Kalender.
	28.	5,000 Almanacs.
Oct.	4.	1,000 each of 10 Commandment Cards.
Nov.	6.	2,300 German Medium Hymn Books.
		3,000 German Catechisms.
Dec.	13.	5,000 Das kleine Gebetbuch.
1901.		
Jan.	9.	750 Kalender.
	24.	8,000 Hallelujah, Jesus lebt! German Easter Lit.
Feb.	7.	5,000 Why Weepest thou. English Easter Lit.
Mar.	6.	5,000 Be True.
	23.	2,000 English Enchiridion.
Apr.	9.	1,000 German Financial and Parochial Reports.
	22.	3,000 large English Hymnals.
	24.	1,250 Kinderlust No. 18.
May	16.	5,000 German Catechisms, Würt. Examen.
	23.	5,000 English Cathechisms.
June	12.	5,000 Sunday School Hymnals.

Aug.	2.	3,000 I. Lesebuch.
	3.	1,000 Narratives on Cat. Vol. IV.
	6.	500 Constitutions and By-laws.
	7.	3,000 Fibeln (Detroit).
Oct.	11.	1,000 The Mission of a Book.
		1,000 Silent Night, Holy Night.
	28.	8,000 Circulars, Xmas Catalogue.
Nov.	1.	600 Teachers' Annual.
	12.	1,000 Friedrich u. Anna.
	13.	3,000 Pocket Ed. Engl. Hymnals.
		1,000 German-English Catechisms.
		5,000 Mittelf. Gesangb.
	16.	1,000 Xmas Catalogues, Small.
	25.	1,000 Evangelien Geschichten.
Dec.	5.	10,000 Kalender.
		1,000 Kalender with complete List of Ministers.
		4,500 Alamancs.
1902.		
Jan.	2.	1,000 Burry's Man's Help-Meet.
	4.	750 Alamancs.
		2,000 Kalender.
	21.	2,000 Bibl. Geschichten für die Kleinen.
Feb.	1.	2,450 Bibl, Geschichten für Oberklassen.
	6.	2,500 Pocket Ed. English Hymnal.
Apr.	28.	1,000 Books LeRoy (Lose).
May	28.	100 Church Records.

13. *Elections.* The following elections are necessary at this convention of Synod: Manager for two years; members of board, successors to Revs. S. P. Long, J. Sheatsley and Mr. F. H. Snyder, terms to expire in 1908; editors of the periodicals for the term of two years, to-wit: Theol. Zeitblaetter, Theol. Magazine, Kirchenzeitung, Standard, Kinderfreude, Lutheran Child's Paper, and Little Missionary. With reference to manager, the board recommends that our present manager be re-elected.

14. The board respectfully submits to synod for inspection minutes of all its proceedings and also the annual statements of the manager.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SHEATSLEY, *Secretary.*

July 18th, 1902. Delaware, Ohio.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF THE KIRCHENZEITUNG.

Your editors have devoted themselves in the last two years with one mind to the work assigned them and earnestly endeavored to fulfill all just demands. With that end in view they have held three editorial meetings and counselled together pertaining to the editing of the paper and other matters connected with it. The results of their counselling

is elsewhere submitted to Synod, and shall not be mentioned in this report. Yet in addition we would call the attention of Synod to the fact that

THE GERMAN ORTHOGRAPHY

during last year has attained a new stage and experienced a gratifying development. An "Orthographical Conference," held in Berlin from the 17th to the 19th of June, 1901, has created for the entire German empire uniform orthography which has also been adopted by the Austrian and Swiss governments. The so-called "new" orthography has for many years past been used in the columns of the Kirchenzeitung, and it is also the opinion of the present editors that beginning with 1903 this "newest" and uniform orthography which no doubt in a very short time will be accepted, wherever the German language is spoken, should be introduced in the columns of the Kirchenzeitung. But not to stand alone in this, we would recommend the introduction of this uniform orthography in *all* our institutions of learning and its use in all our publications.

The work of circulating the Kirchenzeitung the editors have not solely left in the hands of the Book Concern, but by circulars sent out personal efforts have been made in that direction. The number of subscribers has consequently increased somewhat, from 5,368 in the year 1900 to 5,585 in the year 1902. That the number is no larger, can be explained by the death of no small number of old subscribers whose children are not able to read a German church paper intelligently. Nevertheless it seems to us that the number of subscribers would be larger if our worthy pastors, in accordance with the circulars sent, had not only submitted the names and addresses of such as might be gained as subscribers, but had also added personal influence to gain them. Would to God that all pastors of German churches would have the circulation of the Kirchenzeitung at heart, seeing that the publication of the same is not yet in vain, but has gained a substantial surplus, amounting to $3,153.31 from June 1st, 1900, to June 1st, 1902, an increase of $903.93, compared with the two preceding years.

Respectfully your Editors,

E. A. Boehme,
H. J. Schuh,
K. Hemminghaus,
J. H. Schneider.

July 16, 1902.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF THE LUTHERAN STANDARD.

To the Honorable, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

In accordance with a resolution of your honorable body passed two years ago and recorded on page 72 of your printed minutes of the convention of 1900, we, the editors of the "Lutheran Standard," wish to submit the following report:

CHANGE OF FORM.

On page 74 of your printed minutes of the convention of 1900 it is stated that it was resolved that "Kirchenzeitung" and "Standard," after January 1, 1901, be published in magazine form, 8x11½ inches, of sixteen pages each. We wish to report that this resolution has been carried out and that the "Standard" has been published in said form ever since the date mentioned in the resolution.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of the "Standard" is at present 3,322. It is the opinion of the undersigned that renewed efforts should be put forth to increase the number of subscribers.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

We understand that the "Standard" has been published during the past two years at a loss of $194.02. This loss is due to the limited circulation of the paper and to the fact that so many fail to pay their subscriptions promptly. But there is a credit feature which is generally overlooked because it does not appear on the treasurer's books. The "Standard" does a great deal of free advertising in the form of announcements and the publication of lists of books together with their prices, which advertising would otherwise cost our Synod and the Book Concern a considerable sum of money. The publication of railroad time tables is paid for by the respective companies by means of mileage books, which are used by the manager and general president in defraying their traveling expenses, thus relieving other treasuries of a part of their burden.

Most respectfully submitted,

A. PFLUEGER,
GEO. H. SCHODDE,
E. PFEIFFER,
GEO. T. COOPERRIDER,
Editorial Staff Lutheran Standard.

PERSONAL SUGGESTION.

As editor-in-chief the undersigned wishes to suggest that Rev. G. T. Cooperrider, in addition to the position which he now occupies on the editorial staff of the "Standard," be made a contributor at large, with an increase of salary commensurate with the extra work he is expected to do.

A. PFLUEGER, *Editor-in-Chief.*

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

BRETHREN:— It gives me great pleasure to present to you my eighth biennial report of this treasury covering a period from August 19th, 1900, to June 28th, 1902. The first subject I desire to discuss is

THE CONDITION OF THE DEBT.

Considerable activity has been shown during the term just closed. The balance of the jubilee collection has been sent in, and while the entire debt was not wiped out, the same is now where it can be easily controlled. According to the statement it will be seen that there is a debt of $55,563.28 still resting on the institutions. This would seem unusually large, but after carefully analyzing the same it will be found that Synod has actual control and possession of $30,263.28 in legacies and scholarships, on which the treasurer annually pays the interest to the institutions. Of the balance, $23,350.00 are annuity notes, which money is now in the hands of Synod, and the interest on same is paid to persons holding said annuity notes. There still is left after deducting both amounts an outstanding debt of only $1,950.00, which is remarkably small when we consider the enormous sums that have been paid within the last two years.

THE JUBILEE FUND.

The jubilee fund, expressly so designated, did not reach the expected amount of $100,000.00. The total amount received for jubilee fund from January 1, 1900, to June 28, 1902, was $43,956.68, leaving a deficit of $56,041.32, showing plainly what would have become of the debt if the $100,000.00 had been received.

COLLECTIONS.

The collections, including the jubilee fund for the past term, amounted to $62,538.68. Deducting the sum received for jubilee fund, $16,214.20, the actual collections for the current expenses were $46,324.48. Taking into consideration the strenuous effort made to collect the jubilee fund, I believe we have reasons for congratulation. If the ministers and congregations will keep up the current expenses in the future, the treasurer is of the opinion, that with the aid of the Book Concern, the debt can gradually be cancelled.

BAUGHMAN FUND FOR LUTHERAN SEMINARY.

During the past two years this fund has been augmented by an additional $1,000.00 in cash, and a farm near Gahanna valued at $5,000.00.

This swells the fund up to $28,000.00. Synod surely owes Father Baughman a vote of thanks for his extreme liberality.

FUNDS.

During the past year the treasurer has loaned the Book Concern from scholarship funds the sum of $3,200.00, and $500.00 from the Baughman fund. It is the expectation gradually to return all the funds to the institutions, and have them loan the same to the Book Concern. This would bring all loans within the Synod, and in case of hard times would relieve a great stress.

BOOK CONCERN.

During the last year the Book Concern has turned over out of its profits $3,000.00 to this treasury, and a note for $688.16 which makes the 20 per cent. in full for profits of the Book Concern for six years past.

CONDITIONS AT PRESENT.

With the exception of one month due Capital University, and one-half month for Orphans' Home, all of the institutions are paid up to date, and said University and Orphans' Home have since received the required sum.

CONCLUSION.

Having served you sixteen years in the capacity as treasurer, I desire to express herewith my sincere appreciation to one and all for the confidence and support given me.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. HEER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN

For the Year Ending May 31, 1901.

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT CLOSE OF YEAR.

Dr.

Merchandise	$2,799 46	
Labor	31,882 53	
Expense	1,259 17	
Freight and drayage	819 54	
Expressage	640 30	
Postage	1,029 40	
Notes Receivable	116 94	
Interest	3,676 19	
Insurance	572 55	
Gas	487 55	
Coal	834 00	
Taxes	1,978 54	
Telephone	92 73	
Water (deposit $10.00)	101 93	
Real Estate	41,829 12	
Machinery	30,136 53	
Furniture and fixtures	1,967 84	
Stock	100 00	
Theol. Zeitblaetter	201 87	
Theol. Magazine	155 69	
Little Missionary	274 78	
Primary Lesson Paper	106 04	
Accounts Receivable	13,596 77	
Ohio National Bank	189 07	
Cash	113 18	
		$134,961 75

Cr.

Discount	$1,163 80	
Rent	176 00	
Capital	78,288 57	
Kirchenzeitung	1,592 73	
Standard	203 21	
Kinderfreude	153 13	
Child's Paper	25 68	
Lesson Leaves	172 65	
Notes Payable	53,095 93	
Accounts Payable	90 05	
		$134,961 75

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.

Gains.

Merchandise — Inventory, May 31, 1901	$46,391 27		
Merchandise — Sold	97,030 05		
		$143,421 32	
Merchandise — Inventory, May 31, 1900	$46,320 10		
Merchandise — Bought	53,509 41		
		$99,829 51	
			$43,591 81
Discount			1,163 80
Rent			176 00
Luth. Kirchenzeitung			1,592 73
Standard			203 21
Kinderfreude			153 13
Child's Paper			25 68
Lesson Leaves			172 65
			$47,079 01

Losses.

Machinery—Inventory May 31, 1900	$30,136 53		
Machinery—Inventory May 31, 1901	29,874 69		
		$261 84	
Furniture and Fixtures — Inventory May 31, 1900	$1,967 84		
Furniture and Fixtures — Inventory May 31, 1901	1,899 05		
		$68 79	
Labor Account		31,882 53	
Expense Account		1,259 17	
Freight and Drayage		819 54	
Expressage		640 30	
Postage		1,029 40	
Interest		3,676 19	
Insurance		572 55	
Gas		487 55	
Coal		834 00	
Taxes		1,978 54	
Telephone		92 73	
Water		91 93	
Theol. Zeitblaetter		201 87	
Theol. Magazine		155 69	
Little Missionary		274 78	
Primary Lesson Papers		106 04	
			$44,433 44
Gain			$2,645 57

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT BEGINNING OF YEAR,
June 1, 1901.

DR.

Merchandise	$46,391 27	
Machinery	29,874 69	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,890 05	
Real Estate	41,829 15	
Notes Receivable	116 94	
Stock	100 00	
Water (deposit)	10 00	
Accounts Receivable	13,596 77	
Ohio National Bank	189 07	
Cash	113 18	
		$134,120 12

CR.

Notes Payable		$53,095 93	
Accounts Payable		90 05	
Capital	$78,288 57		
Gain	2,645 57		
		$80,934 14	
			$134,120 12

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN

For the Year Ending May 31, 1902.

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT CLOSE OF YEAR.

DR.

Labor	$35,096 93	
Expense	802 87	
Freight and Drayage	800 95	
Expressage	709 94	
Postage	1,322 89	
Interest	3,983 71	
Insurance	189 00	
Gas	527 20	
Coal	707 48	
Taxes	692 99	
Telephone	40 65	
Water	68 59	
Real Estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	29,874 69	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,899 05	
Stock	100 00	
Luth. Standard	397 23	
Theol. Magazine	74 03	
Primary Lesson Paper	72 30	
Accounts Receivable	13,717 19	
Cash paid to General Treasury	3,000 00	
Ohio National Bank	61 02	
Cash	60 71	
		$136,028 57

CR.

Capital	$80,934 14	
Notes Payable	47,075 93	
Accounts Payable	132 02	
Merchandise	4,686 55	
Discount	471 90	
Rent	186 00	
Kirchenzeitung	1,560 58	
Theol. Zeitblaetter	39 58	
Kinderfreude	429 30	
Child's Paper	236 36	
Little Missionary	2 23	
Lesson Leaves	273 98	
		$136,028 57

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.

Gains.

Merchandise — Inventory, May 31, 1902	$45,187 02		
Merchandise — Sold	111,558 54		
		$156,745 56	
Merchandise — Inventory May 31, 1901	$46,391 27		
Merchandise — Bought	60,480 72		
		$106,871 99	
			$49,873 57
Machinery — Inventory May 31, 1902		$30,172 80	
Machinery — Inventory May 31, 1901		29,874 69	
			$298 11
Furniture and Fixtures — Inventory May 31, 1902		$1,940 15	
Furniture and Fixtures — Inventory May 31, 1901		1,899 05	
			$41 10
Discount			471 90
Rent			186 00
Luth. Kirchenzeitung			1,560 58
Theol. Zeitblaetter			39 58
Kinderfreude			429 30
Child's Paper			236 36
Little Missionary			2 23
Lesson Leaves			273 98
			$53,412 71

Losses.

Labor Account	$35,096 93	
Expense	802 87	
Freight and Drayage	800 95	
Expressage	709 94	
Postage	1,322 89	
Interest	3,983 71	
Insurance	189 00	
Gas	527 20	
Coal	707 48	
Taxes	692 99	
Telephone	40 65	
Water	68 59	
Standard	397 23	
Theol. Magazine	74 03	
Primary Lesson Paper	72 30	
Cash paid to General Treasury	3,000 00	
		$48,486 76
Gain		$4,925 95

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, JUNE 1, 1902.

Dr.

Merchandise	$45,187,02	
Machinery	30,172 80	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,940 15	
Real Estate	41,829 15	
Stock	100 00	
Accounts Receivable	13,717 19	
Ohio National Bank	61 02	
Cash	60 71	
		$133,068 04

Cr.

Notes Payable	$47,075 93	
Accounts Payable	132 02	
Capital $80,934 14		
Gain 4,925 95		
	85,860 09	
		$133,068 04

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Publication Matters.

1. Ad Item 4 of report of Board.

We cannot agree with the editor of the Theol. Magazine that the time for the discontinuance of this periodical has come, and we recommend its continuance; as

We believe, that such a periodical for free discussion of theological questions is a necessity in Synod and that therefore our pastors be hereby encouraged and urged to furnish suitable articles for this periodical.

2. Ad Item 5.

This being purely a matter of business we recommend that this be left to the judgment of the Publication Board according to its constitution (see article 6, § 6 and page 74 of minutes, 1900.) and that the Board and editors be encouraged to employ all legitimate means to increase the circulation of our periodicals.

3. Ad Item 6.

We recommend the publication of a graded series of Eng. Sunday School text-books.

4. Ad Item 7. We recommend

a) That the committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare text-books for parochial schools be asked to report.

b) That, whereas, R. O. Kieling, a member of this committee, is no longer actively engaged in the school work, we recommend that another teacher be selected to fill his place. (See p. 36 of last minutes, item 7.)

5. Ad Item 8.

We recommend its adoption.

6. Ad Item 9.

That the proposed uniform text of the English Catechism be printed in the Standard, and the further discussion of the matter be referred to the different Districts, and they report at the next meeting of Joint Synod.

7. Ad Item 10.

a) We sanction the recommendation of the General President, p. 10, item *c*, "that authority be given the Publication Board to sell the printing establishment, the book department and realty only excepted."

b) We recommend that the Publication Board be empowered to separate the book department from the printing department, if they deem it advisable, and make such other changes as may prove advantageous.

8. We recommend that 10 per cent. of the profits of the Lutheran Book Concern be annually set apart for the endowment of a German Professorship at Capital University, until the sum of $30,000 shall have been reached, and that all resolutions (including the resolution pertaining to the profits of the Kirchenzeitung), in conflict herewith be rescinded.

9. Concerning the suggestion made by the editorial staff of the Kirchenzeitung on German Orthography we move "the introduction of this uniform orthography in *all* our institutions of learning and its use in all our publications."

10. That we express our gratification not only at the increase of circulation of the Kirchenzeitung and its surplus, due principally to the efforts of the Editor-in-Chief, but also at the manner in which the different departments were edited.

11. We rejoice at the able manner in which the Lutheran Standard has been edited.

12. With regard to the almanac we recommend:

a) That the English Almanac be published with full clerical list.

b) That German Almanac contain a clerical list only of our pastors.

c) That both be published in uniform size.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1, referring to the Theological Magazine adopted.

The opinion was expressed that the price of our magazines is too high and that this is one reason why they are not more extensively circulated. It was thought the matter might be remedied by combining both. To discontinue them would be discreditable, besides they are urgently needed among us. It was emphasized that not only the financial side is to be considered here, but that such literature is imperatively needed by our pastors and educated laymen. Much might be done to extend the circulation of our magazines, if sample copies were sent to those who are not yet subscribers. So far as material for these magazines is concerned, it was said that essays and works of conferences might be used advantageously.

Item 2 adopted.

To the question, who has the right of decision with regard to the business announcements of Publication Board in our Church papers, Synod answered that such right belongs to the Publication Board.

Item 3. Upon this item it was said that there are two distinctive views among us—one favoring lesson leaves and the other books. It was affirmed, that however unsatisfactory Sunday Schools may be, we have them, yea we cannot do without them, and that they must be provided with literature. Nor should we be satisfied with anything and everything, but only the best. The purpose here is not only to have a graded series of lesson leaves or books, but that such series have the same lessons on the same day. It was also emphasized that something decisive must be done at this Synod to provide our Sunday Schools with literature, as the demand for such supplies is becoming more imperative from day to day. We have a series of books which might be supplemented and serve our purpose well.

On the other hand it was said that it is pedagogically wrong to use anything in our Sunday School, but the catechism, Biblical history and the Bible. Synod then voted upon the proposition of the Preliminary Committee, which was lost, and the following passed as a substitute:

Resolved, That the Publication Board be authorized first to publish a graded series of text-books for our Sunday Schools, using as far as possible the books already published; second, to publish helpers for the new Sunday School series.

4. *a* adopted. This report was submitted and reads as follows:

"Your committee begs leave to report that a German Primer (Fibel) has been compiled, printed and introduced, which appears to give general satisfaction. The preliminary work on a first reader has been begun."

Yours respectfully,

THEO. MEES, *Chairman.*

4. *b* adopted. Mr. C. W. Linsenmann was appointed a member of this committee.

5. Adopted with the addition, that the formula for the opening and closing of Synod appear in our German hymn book with music.

6. Adopted.

7. *a*) This was a burning question before Synod. As matters stand there is a great responsibility resting upon those having control of our Book Concern matters, and many are of the opinion that the *printing* department should be sold, since there is an abnormal condition of affairs in this department. Although we have a capital investment of over $80,000, after all liabilities are deducted, yet in the printing department we own but $30,000, and Mr. F. J. Heer $50,000. It is ours and still not ours. It is run in our name and yet we are not the principal stockholders. The establishment is entirely too extensive for our needs, inasmuch as not more than one-fourth of the work done there, can properly be called Synodical work. The question was raised whether the Church has a calling to go outside and procure work, or whether she should not confine her labors to her own needs.

On the other hand, it was affirmed that the Church is not bound to do work only of a churchly character. If this were done, then it would be high time to sell the Concern, and if we desire to sell, no better time could be found. If a Synod would carry on a printing establishment, and make it a success, she must seek outside contracts. Let it not be forgotten that the present plant was acquired with great labor and sacrifice. The same has also made excellent progress in the past four years — reducing the indebtedness from $81,000 to $47,000. With such a showing it would evidently be a step backward to sell now. But if the printing department be not sold, then the Publication Board should be empowered to change the management, dividing the Concern into different departments, each doing business with the others. This would perhaps simplify things, for as matters now stand it is almost too complex for any one man to manage the whole Concern. After this discussion the proposition of the Preliminary Committee was rejected by *a unanimous* vote.

7. *b* adopted.

8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 adopted.

VARIOUS TREASURIES.

STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL TREASURY FROM AUGUST 19, 1900, TO JUNE 28, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Aug. 18, 1900		$3,547 40
Kirchenzeitung credits from Aug. 25, 1900, to June 28, 1902, including Jubilee Fund	$62,588 68	
From Lutheran Book Concern profits	3,000 00	
Interest on Scholarships —		
N. N. (F)	$72 50	
G. A. Dobler	240 00	
H. Berk	80 00	
C. H. L. Schuette	40 00	
J. D. Meyer	59 55	
C. F. Theiss	80 00	
F. Garrelt	40 00	
F. Schmid	80 00	
N. N. (R)	3 00	
N. N. (J)	40 00	
N. N. (Y)	7 00	
Jos. Nothstine	5 00	
F. Rogge	40 00	
H. Rogge	40 00	
F. Witker	40 00	
G. Garrelt	40 00	
N. N. (K)	1 00	
C. Smith	40 00	
W. Harsh	20 00	
F. J. Heer	80 00	
		1,048 05
Scholarship Loans —		
J. Schwearer	500 00	
J. G. Koch	200 00	
J. D. Meyer	625 00	
N. N. (F)	300 00	
G. A. Dobler	100 00	
Jos. Nothstine	800 00	
W. Scheid	800 00	
D. F. Schuette	125 00	
J. F. Snyder	400 00	
W. F. Helle	400 00	
C. H. L. Schuette	800 00	
		5,050 00

Annuity Loans—			
N. N. (B Y)	1,000 00		
Old Folks' Home	50 00		
Baughman Fund	1,000 00		
		2,050 00	$73,686 73
Total receipts			$82,234 22

DSIBURSEMENTS.

Capital University	$12,832 00	
Orphans' Home	10,739 90	
Woodville	7,110 00	
St. Paul	7,167 90	
Hickory	1,790 50	
Old Folks' Home	1,750 72	
Notes cancelled	27,090 61	
Interest	4,084 89	
Interest on Capital University Scholarships and Funds	3,122 20	
Pres. C. H. L. Schuette, Trav. Expenses	246 16	
Pres C. H. L. Schuette, Salary	3,150 00	
Miscellaneous	1,495 11	
Printing Catalogues, Liturgies, etc	678 21	
Orphans' Home (two bequests)	500 00	
Total disbursements		$81,758 20

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$82,234 22	
Total disbursements	81,758 20	
Balance on hand June 28, 1902		$476 02

STATEMENT OF DERT JUNE 28, 1902.

Debt August 18, 1900		$75,553 89
Loan — Scholarship	$5,050 00	
Annuity	2,050 00	
		7,100 00
		$82,653 89
Notes cancelled		27,090 61
Debt June 28, 1902		$55,563 28

A. PFLUEGER,
GEO. K. LEONARD,
C. F. MEYER.
Auditing Committee.

Audited and approved July 18, 1902.

Present Standing of Debt.

LOANS FROM SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDS, ANNUITY NOTES, ETC.

Kamper Endowment Fund, Capital University		$9,367 96
Same — Home Missions		3,122 66
Same — Foreign Missions		3,122 66
Urias Fink Fund (C. U)		1,000 00
German Ev. Luth. Seminary — G. Baughman Fund		17,500 00
Tryphosa Heffner Fund (C. U.)		1,000 00
Same — Orphans' Home		400 00
Mack Endowment Fund (C. U.)		200 00
J. Rush Fund (C. U.)		25 00
Frederick Fund (Orphans' Home)		100 00
Same — (Capital University)		200 00
Poorman Fund (Capital University)		100 00
M. Wachendorf Fund — W. & O.	$300 00	
Same — (Capital University)	700 00	
Same — (Home Missions)	50 00	
		1,050 00
Pemberville Beneficiary Fund (C. U.)		500 00
Prof. E. Schmid Fund (C. U.)		2,000 00
F. Gehritz Fund (C. U.)		100 00
L. V. Fund (Annuity C. U.)		500 00
Woodville Seminary		1,000 00
N. N. Fund (T Y G) (C. U.)		350 00
W. C. Frechtling Fund (C. U.)		100 00
N. N. (V) Annuity Loan (C. U.)		3,000 00
N. N. (C. B.) Annuity Loan (C. U.)		1,000 00
Scholarship Funds —		
J. J. Dobler		800 00
D. F. Schuette		800 00
G. A. Dobler		200 00
G. J. Koch		300 00
W. Sheatsley		800 00
J. Schwearer		800 00
J. D. Meyer		625 00
N. N.		300 00
Jos. Nothstine		800 00
W. Scheid		800 00
Jacob F. Snyder		400 00
W. F. Helle		400 00
C. H. L. Schuette		800 00
Old Folks' Home		50 00
Miscellaneous Loans		1,950 00
Total debt June 30th, 1902		$55,563 28

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

To the President of Joint Synod:

The following is compiled from my two annual reports to the Capital University board for the last two years; the first beginning June 19, 1900, and ending June 30, 1901; the second beginning July 1, 1901, and ending June 30, 1902:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 18, 1900		$540 47
From General Treasurer, 1900-1901	$5,813 00	
From General Treasurer, 1901-1902	8,519 00	
		$14,332 00
From students' dues, 1900-1901	$2,812 63	
From students' dues, 1901-1902	2,924 71	
		$5,737 34
Scholarship interest, 1900-1901	$883 00	
Scholarship interest, 1901-1902	931 05	
		$1,814 05
Interest on notes, 1900-1901	$895 48	
Interest on notes, 1901-1902	885 18	
		$1,780 66
Notes paid, 1900-1901	$101 19	
Notes paid, 1901-1902	305 02	
		$406 21
Rents, 1900-1901	$215 75	
Rents, 1901-1902	203 25	
		$419 00
Gas, 1900-1901	$117 80	
Gas, 1901-1902	125 53	
		$243 33
Diplomas, 1900-1901	$42 00	
Diplomas, 1901-1902	46 00	
		$88 00
Chemical laboratory fees, 1900-1901	$15 50	
Chemical laboratory fees, 1901-1902	30 12	
		$45 62
Tapping water main, 1900-1901		$50 00
Unclassified sources, 1900-1901	$62 37	
Unclassified sources, 1901-1902	60 32	
		$122 69
Total receipts		$25,579 37

EXPENDITURES.

On salaries, 1900–1901	$8,240 00	
On salaries, 1901–1902	11,260 00	
		$19,500 00
Janitor service and other labor, 1900–1901	$220 87	
Janitor service and other labor, 1901–1902	220 47	
		$441 34
Repairs, 1900–1901	$411 36	
Repairs, 1901–1902	817 02	
		$1,228 38
House supplies and minor repairs, 1900–1901	$57 15	
House supplies and minor repairs, 1901-1902	45 46	
		$102 61
Boarding beneficiaries, 1900–1901	$474 80	
Boarding beneficiaries, 1901–1902	231 35	
		$706 15
Gas, 1900–1901	$893 80	
Gas, 1901-1902	962 00	
		$1,855 80
Telephone service, 1900–1901	$48 16	
Telephone service, 1901–1902	47 66	
		$95 82
Insurance, 1900–1901		$613 00
Traveling expenses, 1900–1901	$34 15	
Traveling expenses, 1901–1902	45 55	
		$79 70
Taxes, 1900–1901	$9 03	
Taxes, 1901–1902	6 12	
		$15 15
Printing, 1900–1901	$36 25	
Printing, 1901–1902	25 00	
		$61 25
Chemicals, 1900–1901	$23 46	
Chemicals, 1901–1902	58 13	
		$81 59
Water rent, 1900–1901	$12 05	
Water rent, 1901–1902	9 40	
		$21 45
Unclassified, 1900–1901	$103 38	
Unclassified, 1901–1902	79 95	
		$183 33
Balance June 30, 1902		593 80
Total		$25,579 37

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. K. LEONARD, *Assistant Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1900, TO JULY 25, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

1900.			
Aug.	1.	To balance in treasury	$960 97
	5.	To cash Wisconsin Dist., Rev. Theo. Marth (old account)	49 00
	12.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann, (old account)	28 65
Oct.	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann (old account)	69 50
	10.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann (old account)	34 36
Nov.	1.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. L. M. Hunt, 1896–1898 (old account)	5 00
	1.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. L. M. Hunt, 1898–1900 (old account)	95 00
	5.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann (old account)	36 50
	5.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann	6 00
Dec.	6.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann	16 30
	21.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth	9 50
1901.			
Jan.	3.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenman	3 25
	20.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. L. M. Hunt (old account)	100 00
April	30.	To cash Northern Dist., Teacher F. Wiechert	8 75
May	11.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler (old account)	35 00
June	12.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler (old account)	33 00
	17.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler (old account)	31 00
	20.	To cash Kans. and Nebr. Dist., Rev. C. Dagefoerde.	25 00
July	5.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert	24 00
	12.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler (old account)	30 00
	17.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler (old account)	20 00
	26.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht	33 50
Aug.	3.	To cash Wisconsin District, Theo. Marth, per F. J. Heer	2 00

	12.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, per Rev. Eisenbach	9 30
	31.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. Walter Spielman (old account)	35 00
	31.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. Walter Spielman...	65 00
Oct.	21.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	26 50
	24.	To cash 1st Eng. District, Rev. Walter Spielman...	100 00
Nov.	25.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman (old account)	18 00
Dec.	9.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	22 00
	19.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht....	104 00
1902.			
Feb.	16.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	35 00
	27.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	35 00
March	17.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	25 00
April	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	34 50
	11.	To cash Washington District, Rev. O. A. Bertram (old account)	29 50
	11.	To cash Washington District, Rev. O. A. Bertram..	5 50
May	23.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler.....	37 00
	27.	To cash Washington District, Rev. O. A. Bertram..	30 00
	27.	To cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Baumann..	175 00
June	23.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert...	29 00
	25.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman (old account)	15 12
	30.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman (old account)	9 90
July	8.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler.....	41 00
	17.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler.....	17 56
		Total	$2,548 10

BALANCE DUE FROM THE DISTRICTS ON APPORTIONMENT OF THE JOINT SYNOD FOR 1900–1902.

Northern District	$109 70
Western District	219 44
Eastern District	137 50
First English District	60 00
Concordia District	50 00
Wisconsin District	154 20
Washington District	14 50
Texas District	25 00
	$770 34
Concordia District for 1898–1900	21 98
Total	$792 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900.			
Aug.	29.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 1.....	$14 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 2.....	10 00
	29.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 3.....	3 75
	29.	By cash to Rev. R. C. H. Luski, voucher 4.....	3 25
	29.	By cash to Prof. Wm. Schmidt, voucher 5.....	20 50
	30.	By cash to Rev. F. W. Gahre, voucher 6.....	26 30
	31.	By cash to Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, voucher 7.....	18 70
	31.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Price, voucher 8.....	25 50
	31.	By cash to Prof. W. D. Ahl, voucher 9.....	21 00
Sept.	1.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 10.....	6 00
	1.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 11.....	7 60
	1.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 12.....	4 70
	1.	By cash to Rev. H. G. Sutter, voucher 13.....	1 80
	1.	By cash to Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, voucher 14..	9 70
	1.	By cash to Dr. H. Ernst, voucher 15.....	20 50
	1.	By cash to Dr. H. Steinmann, voucher 16.....	45 00
	1.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 17....	500 00
	1.	By cash to C. Nagel, voucher 18.....	2 40
	15.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Schuh, voucher 19.....	6 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, voucher 20.....	8 98
Oct.	15.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 21.....	28 35
Nov.	15.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 22.....	5 00
	23.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 23.....	9 00
	30.	By cash to Mr. J. A. Roselius, voucher 24.....	9 75
Dec.	15.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 25.....	5 75
	15.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 26.....	12 00
	15.	By cash to Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 27.....	15 00
	21.	By cash to Dr. H. A. Allwardt, voucher 28.....	9 50
	21.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 29.....	4 50
1901.			
Jan.	3.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 30.....	9 00
	3.	By cash to Rev. Johann Vollmar, voucher 31.....	3 25
	20.	By cash to Rev. M. L. Baum, voucher 32.....	10 40
Feb.	21.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 33.....	5 80
March	12.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 34.....	5 00
	15.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 35....	307 09
April	13.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 36.....	7 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 37.....	16 70
	30.	By cash to Rev. J. Vollmar and J. Stumpf, vouch. 38	6 25
May	4.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 39.....	9 00
	6.	By cash to Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, voucher 40.....	15 00
June	17.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 41.....	29 65
	22.	By cash to L. H. Burry, voucher 42.....	9 85
	24.	By cash to Rev. Geo. Dillmann, voucher 43.....	17 10
	24.	By cash to C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 44.....	17 00
	24.	By cash to Rev. J. M. Koepplin, voucher 45.....	7 95

July	6.	By cash to Teacher A. H. Trapp, voucher 46.....	5 80
	26.	By cash to Rev. J. Reimann, voucher 47.....	8 50
Aug.	5.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 48.....	8 50
	10.	By cash to Rev. J. Eisenbach, voucher 49.....	9 30
	13.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 50.....	12 25
Oct.	2.	By cash to Mr. Louis Glück, voucher 51.....	12 00
	21.	By cash to Rev. Johann Vollmar, vocuher 52.....	2 50
Dec.	9.	By cash to Mr. Fred. Rogge, voucher 53.....	11 25
	13.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 54.....	9 15
	16.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 55.....	5 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 56.....	12 00
	19.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 57.....	4 00
1902.			
Jan.	7.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 58.....	8 70
Feb.	16.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 59.....	5 80
April	7.	By cash to Rev. Johann Vollmar, voucher 60.....	2 50
March	28.	By cash to Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, voucher 61.....	17 00
	27.	By cash to Rev. J. D. Meyer, voucher 62.....	4 50
June	2.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 63.....	29 20
	23.	By cash to Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 64.....	11 00
	24.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 65.....	4 25
July	7.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 66.....	6 00
	9.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 67.....	5 80
	7.	By cash to Mr. Louis Glück, voucher 68.....	12 00
	11	By cash to Rev. Geo. Dillmann, voucher 69.....	6 40
	25.	By cash to Mr. Henry Hueffelmann, voucher 70....	20 15
		Total	$1,544 12
		Total receipts	$2,548 10
		Total disbursements	1,544 12
		Balance on hand July 25, 1902.....	$1,003 98

C. NAGEL, *Treas. Joint Synod.*

Springfield, O., July 25th, 1902.

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From General Treasurer F. J. Heer	$7,167 90

EXPENDITURES.

Salary and rent from Sept. 1, 1900, to Aug. 31, 1902:		
Dr. H. Ernst	$2,480 00	
Prof. Wm. Schmidt	2,000 00	
Prof. D. Ahl	1,990 00	
Seminary household	658 12	
Total		$7,128 12
In treasury July 1, 1902		$39 78

WM. SCHMIDT, *Treasurer.*

ST. PAUL'S ACADEMY, HICKORY, N. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(CONDENSED STATEMENTS.*)

Receipts from Sept. 1, 1900, to July 30, 1902, total	$3,973 36
Expenditures from Sept. 1, 1900, to Sept. 1, 1902, total	3,904 72
Balance on hand	$68 64

Statement of Liabilities and Assets September 1, 1902.

LIABILITIES.

Repairs on school building	$800 00	
Old debt on school property	475 00	
Loan	379 60	
Due Prof. J. E. Barb	184 66	
Total		$1,839 26

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$68 64	
Balance due from General Treasury	57 10	
Total		125 74
Total liabilities		$1,713 52

* Report was sent in too late for publication; besides, it does not appear from same that it has been audited, nor what has been the income of the school from tuition. C. H. L. S.

ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RICHMOND, IND., July 1, 1902.

To the President and Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — I herewith submit to you for your consideration my statements of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the Wernle Orphans' Home, from August 1, 1900, to July 1, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Received cash from Rev. J. Beck, from Sept. 1, 1900, to July 1, 1902	$16,491 35

EXPENDITURES.

Notes cancelled and paid	$2,000 00
Salary	3,704 39
Meat	681 20
Bread	1,037 35
Groceries	1,292 18
Dry goods	439 51
Clothing	255 09
Shoes	540 06
Shoe leather	139 29
Flour	115 72
Coal	792 23
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs	157 60
Hardware and tinware	207 93
Lumber	55 86
Books and stationery	143 75
Hay, corn and feed	381 14
Potatoes and seeds	241 61
Taxes	119 64
Interest on notes	336 02
Repairing building and furnace	90 81
Queensware	85 83
Telephone	84 65
Harness and repairs	26 80
Coal oil	74 61
Plumbing and repairing pumps	65 44
Medical services and medicine	162 00
Girls' hats	21 50
Insurance	65 95
Funeral expenses	35 50
Sewing machine	30 00
Horse	140 00
Ice	12 70

Troy laundry	1,084 50	
Overdrawn to former treasury	1,631 11	
Incidentals	19 50	
		$16,271 47
Balance in treasury July 1, 1902		$219 88
Notes paid off from Sept. 1, 1900, to July 1, 1902	$2,000 00	
Cash overdrawn to former treasury	1,226 78	
Groceries	345 16	
Meat	41 17	
Wages	18 00	
New Laundry	1,084 50	
		$4,715 61
Expended for Home proper for two years		$11,555 86
Total		$16,271 47

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. SCHULTZ, *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM AUGUST 7, 1900, TO JULY 1, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

From former secretary	73
" F. J. Heer, General Treasurer	10,739 90
" sale of produce	291 25
" money refunded	5 55
" interest on investments	319 52
" general expense fund of Home	1,670 94
" bequests in payment of debt	839 25
" bequests for Endowment fund	2,850 00
" donations for children's treat	35 00
" taxes refunded	240 93
" guardian of Keller children, for their support	400 00
" borrowed money	3,400 00
Total received	$20,793 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. J. Schultz, treasurer	$16,491 35
" notes	824 05
" endowment money, placed at interest	2,850 00
In treasury	627 67
Total	$20,793 07

Of the $16,491.35 paid Treasurer J. J. Schultz, $2,000.00 were used in payment of notes.

Present debt (borrowed money)		$3,914 00
Due from general treasurer July 1, 1902	$260 10	
In treasury	627 67	
		887 77
Leaves debt		$3,026 23
In Endowment fund		$8,808 58

Respectfully submitted,

J. Beck, *Fin. Sec.*

TREASURER OF WOODVILLE SEMINARY.

FROM JULY 1, 1900, TO JUNE 30, 1902, INCLUSIVE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1, 1900		$1 72
From general treasurer	$7,110 00	
Students' dues	2,325 87	
Interest on Kemper fund	100 00	
Rent	119 62	
Other sources	1 00	
		$9,656 49
Total		$9,658 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

On salaries and wages	$5,826 42	
Interest	696 00	
Loan to Dir. Mees	500 00	
Heating and lighting	734 26	
Merchandise and meat	1,439 32	
Sundries	437 72	
		$9,633 72
Balance on hand June 30, 1902		$24 49

RECAPITULATION.

Received on quota from general treasurer	$5,914 00
Received on note cancelled	500 00
Received for interest	696 00
Total	$7,110 00

FUNDS.

Note for $500 without interest	$500 00
Note for $1,000 at 5 per cent. interest	1,000 00
Total	$1,500 00

C. F. Theiss, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S LUTH. HOME.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand August 1, 1900	$136 95	
From general treasury	1,550 00	
Bequests	327 55	
Collection box	6 60	
New building	125 00	
Boarding	279 00	
Entrance fees	970 00	
Donations	200 72	
On deposits for inmates	156 00	
Anniversary collections	122 44	
Donation day	285 96	
Interest	382 07	
Sale of property	2,000 00	
Sundry receipts	18 47	
		$6,560 76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Household expense	$1,125 25	
Water rent	55 50	
Light and fuel	184 19	
Furniture	52 90	
Insurance	45 00	
Traveling expenses	23 50	
Deaconess' Home	300 00	
Repairs	169 78	
Funeral expenses	9 75	
Money refunded to inmates	865 00	
Clothing	38 17	
Purchase of land at Mars	2,665 75	
Improvement at Mars	254 90	
Sundry expenses	50 26	
		$5,839 95
Balance in hands of treasurer		$720 81

ASSETS.

In hands of treasurer	$720 81
Cash in bank	8,295 21
Mortgage	7,000 00
Notes	475 00
Subscriptions	5,350 00
Total	$21,841 02

J. H. HESPENHEIDE, *Treas.*

BOARD OF AIDS TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

In treasury August 3, 1900	$144 55
Receipts from Aug. 3, 1900, to July 19, 1902	4,106 26
Total	$4,250 81
Total expenses for same period	$3,487 78
Balance in treasury July 19, 1902	$763 03

The following persons received support:

Mrs. Christiana Deiss, Detroit, Mich	$240 00
Mrs. Louise Gebhardt, Bucyrus, O	100 00
Mrs. Anna Widmann, Columbus, O	151 05
Mrs. Anna Ebert, Allegheny, Pa	201 36
Mrs. Behrens, Detroit, Mich	200 00
Mrs. Fredericke Zur Mühlen, Cincinnati, Ohio	151 00
Mrs. N. N	200 00
Mrs. Johanna Lange, Springfield, Minn	150 00
Mrs. Adolph Dettmer, Seymour, Wis	50 00
Rev. em. M. C. Molthan, Woodville, Ohio	110 00
Rev. em. G. L. Hunt, Newton, N. C	100 00
Rev. em. W. M. Sibert, Brandywine, W. Va	125 00
Rev. em. J. Stumpf and widow, Ft. Wayne, Ind	150 00
Teacher E. B. Gaertner, Toledo, O	125 00
Mrs. Theresa Huebner, Detroit, Mich	100 00
Mrs. August Wolf, Mapleton, Minn	150 00
Mrs. S. Hunziker, Reading, O	150 00
Rev. W. Buehring, Madison, Wis	225 00
Rev. F. W. A. Liefeld, Allegheny, Pa	125 00
Rev. H. Bock, West Depere, Wis	125 00
Rev. em. G. Doepken, Circleville, O	200 00
Rev. H. P. Duborg, Beeville, Texas	150 00
Rev. G. T. Cooperrider, Columbus, O	75 00
Mrs. S. Hohls, New Rochester, O	100 00
Rev. C. Meyer, Afton, Minn	25 00

J. BAUCH, *Treasurer.*

Woodville, Ohio, July 19, 1902.

HOME MISSIONS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In treasury September 1, 1900	$40 92
Received by contributions	28,048 00
Borrowed	6,575 75
Total received	$34,664 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries and other obligations paid since August 1, 1900:

Ackler	$336 91
Albrecht	27 50
Bachman	606 35
Buechler	625 41
Bergener	150 00
Bergfeld	25 00
Beiswanger	214 00
Bertram	358 00
Beiswenger	150 00
Besch	187 58
Benzin	175 00
Cull	560 53
Carpenter	160 00
Cronek	446 50
Cornils	170 83
Dobberstein	325 33
Dachsteiner	110 82
Doescher	681 74
Duborg	200 00
Dagefoerde	25 00
Drews, L.	229 16
Drews, H.	164 15
Duerr	286 92
Derhammer	75 00
Eberle	759 99
Einfalt	155 50
Fendler	216 67
Finke	754 00
Felger	302 08
Fritz	41 60
Groschupf	239 99
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Harter	22 66
Hopf	361 77
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Finke	754 00
Felger	302 08
Fritz	41 60
Groschupf	239 99
Hofhenke	50 00
Harter	22 66
Hopf	361 77
Harley	168 75

Hartlage	50 00
Hax	170 00
Horn	50 00
Havel	25 00
Just	199 99
Junghans	50 00
Koehler	40 00
Krueger	210 00
Koenig	262 50
Krause	530 00
Kaufmann	229 93
Kittel	200 00
Knoblauch	303 33
Kubitz	100 00
Loehr	566 97
Lack	201 00
Lose	461 99
Lange	125 00
Mack	733 72
Meyer, C.	225 00
Meyer, F.	91 66
Mautz	366 66
Mueller	304 25
Melcher	233 33
Oberhammer	983 33
Oehlschlager	15 00
Oertel	353 16
Phillip	341 32
Peter	25 00
Price	551 80
Pflueger	252 50
Rieke	262 50
Reidenbach	300 00
Reed	125 00
Reiff	256 66
Schiff	442 66
Schilling	171 48
Schultz	180 66
Schmidt	276 66
Schreiner	12 50
Schinck	80 66
Schaub	458 99
Sittler	887 38
Schimpfky	181 10
Schillinger	248 00
Schalinske	312 50
Stoever	50 00
Schacht	318 33

Schneider	100 00
Specht	220 00
Spring	30 00
Theimer	250 00
Tressel	37 50
Voss	50 00
Vollmar	25 00
Wittrock	329 16
Westheim	435 50
Wellsandt	208 34
Wendt	366 66
Weber	183 33
Westenbarger	176 66
Waltner	1,002 75
Wolf	23 50
Salary secretary and treasurer	180 00
For stamps, paper, envelopes, registering, etc.	23 50
Printing	15 75
Interest	527 59
Traveling expenses	460 05
Notary fee	2 35
Drafts	4 50
Lutheran Book Concern	269 60
Paid borrowed money (old debt)	4,708 34
Paid borrowed money (new debt)	2,875 00
Salaries paid to July 1, 1902	34,713 86
Amount received	34,664 67
Debt in borrowed money $3,700.00, which is $1,867.34 less than two years ago — overdrawn	$49 19

J. Beck, *Treasurer.*

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In treasury August 1, 1900	$27,538 17
Less reduction on note against Rev. Beiswanger's congregation, St. Paul, Minn.	400 00
	$27,138 17
Received since August 1, 1900	4,369 21
Amount in fund	$31,507 38

AMOUNTS REFUNDED.

Marion, Ind.	$100 00
Renville, Minn.	25 00
German Mission, Dayton, Ohio.	100 00
St. James, Detroit, Mich.	425 00
First English, Detroit, Mich.	600 00
Peace Congregation, Port Clinton, Ohio.	521 66
Kaukauna, Wis.	19 70
Christ Congregation, Detroit, Mich.	192 00
Zion's Congregation Virginia.	30 00
Emanuel's Congregation, Spokane, Wash.	200 00
Birnamwood St. John's Congregation.	25 00
Faith Congregation, Massillon, Ohio.	30 00
Rev. Moench's note.	8 00
Rev. Beiswanger's Congregation.	30 00
Congregation at Chehalis, Wash.	150 00
Charleston, W. Va.	55 75
Somerset, Wis.	29 22
Washington, D. C.	200 00
Total refunded	$2,741 33
Received by contributions.	4,369 21
Total received since August 1, 1900.	$7,110 54
In treasury now.	197 78
Total placed since last meeting.	$6,912 76

The following congregations hold funds of this treasury:

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Marion, Ind.	$300 00
Zion's Congregation, Madison, Wis.	1,300 00
Zion's Congregation, Coraopolis, Pa.	800 00
Emanuel's Congregation, Oregon City.	500 00
St. Luke's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio	1,061 00
Immanuel's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio.	35 00
St. Matthew's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio.	1,000 00
St. Peter's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio.	2,035 40
Christ Congregation, Detroit, Mich.	492 55
St. John's Congregation, Portland, Oregon.	1,008 27
St. Paul's Congregation, Portland, Oregon.	600 00
Zion's Congregation, Lima, Ohio.	691 54
St. John's, Renville county, Minn.	125 00
Christ's Congregation, Salem, Oregon.	500 00
Dayton Mission.	800 00
Zion's Congregation, Martins Ferry, Ohio.	500 00
Zion's Congregation, Lamberton, Wis.	300 00
Zion's Congregation, Kaukauna, Wis.	18 80
St. Paul's Congregation, Franklin, Ohio.	500 00

Rev. Moench's note	4 00
St. James' Congregation, Baltimore, Md.	104 32
Faith Congregation, Baltimore, Md.	400 00
Salem, Ohio	400 00
Zion's Congregation, Canton, Ohio	304 30
St. Paul, Minn. (Seminary)	25 00
Congregation at Merrill, Wis.	30 00
Emanuel's, Tacoma, Wash.	134 55
St. John's, Kalama, Wash.	200 00
Friedens Congregation, Cleveland, Ohio	367 83
Gnaden Congregation, Chicago, Ill.	1,850 00
Faith Congregation, Chicago, Ill.	2,046 90
Good Hope, Detroit, Mich.	80 00
Trinity Congregation, Brookfield, Minn.	200 00
St. Paul's Congregation, Tonawanda, N. Y.	516 25
St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Beiswanger's Congregation	170 00
Zion's Congregation, Shenandoah, W. Va.	16 90
Faith Congregation, Massillon, Ohio	190 30
St. Matthew's Congregation, Washington, D. C.	1,300 00
Zion's Congregation, Balfour, N. D.	100 00
St. Paul's Congregation, Crookston, Min.	200 00
Trinity Congregation, Mountain Lake, Minn.	300 00
First Eng. Luth. Congregation, Spokane, Wash.	6,986 80
Zion's Congregation, New Waterford, Ohio	500 00
Zion's Congregation, Astoria, Oregon	500 00
St. Peter's Congregation, Gaston county, N. C.	100 00
St. Matthew's Congregation, Alpena, Mich.	214 89
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Kansas City, Mo.	1,500 00
Amount placed	$31,309 60
Amount in fund	31,507 38
Amount in notes	31,309 60
Amount in treasury	$197 78

J. BECK, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finances and Appropriations offers the following report:

I. FINANCES.

A. From the report of the General President (C. a.), we find that he has secured, during the past biennium, in scholarships, annuities, by last will and testament, etc., more than $55,000. The total amount gathered in this manner since the establishment of the General Presidency is $175,000. We express

our pleasure at this showing, and recommend a vote of thanks to the General President.

B. 1. The liberal manner in which some of our earnest churchmen have remembered Synod deserves mention. May their good example incite others to do likewise.

2. Our deceased brother, J. A. Schulze, has set a worthy example of liberality, for which we are thankful.

3. With reference to the administration of the Schulze properties we present these facts and recommenddations:

a) The account of the administration up to date by the General President has been examined and found correct.

b) The receipts from this estate since Dr. Schuette's administration were $928.85. The disbursements were $932.63, making a deficit of $3.78. In future, however, there will be a surplus, inasmuch as the disbursements include $207 on collateral inheritance tax, $122.94, back taxes, $11.30, court costs, $42, insurance, ($383.24 in all).

c) As to the future administration of these properties, we recommend that a committee be appointed, whose business it shall be to manage the properties in question. We further recommend that this committee be made a permanent board for the administration of all other estates or moneys which may be devised to Synod as such, rather than to some particular institution or treasury, and that such Board have power to dispose in urgent cases of properties and invest and distribute the accruing funds. We recommend that the General President be ex-officio a member of this committee.

C. We suggest that a record of scholarships, endowments, etc., intended for any particular institution be promptly turned over to the officials of such institution.

D. The General Treasurer's report sets before us many things of importance, some of which are very gratifying.

a) We note that the receipts of the past two years (including $16,214.20 for Jubilee Fund) were $62,538.68. The regular contributions are, therefore, but slightly in excess of 1896-98. This may be accounted for, in part, by the special Jubilee effort. We find, however, that there is much room for improvement, and most earnestly urge our congregations to fulfill their obligations to the General Treasury. The contributions to this cause should keep pace with our growth in numbers.

b) The debt has been reduced, since August 18, 1900, from $75,553.89 to $55,563.28. This gives occasion for great rejoicing. Inasmuch as nearly all of this money is owed to funds and treasuries within the bounds of Synod, one great source of anxiety is removed.

c) We are glad to see that a resolution of Synod requiring the payment into the Institution Treasury of 20 per cent. of the net profit of the Book Concern has been complied with.

d) The treasurer informs us that the Baughman Fund now amounts to $23,000 — $18,000 in cash and $5,000 in real estate. We recommend a vote of thanks to this venerable father and his wife, and wish them God's richest blessings for time and eternity.

e) Treasurer F. J. Heer's sixteen years of faithful service call for special notice on the part of Synod. We recommend that the hearty thanks of this Honorable Body be given Mr. Heer.

E. a) The report of the treasurer of Synod has been audited and found correct.

b) The receipts of this treasury were $2,548.10, the expenditures were $1,544.12, leaving a balance of $1,003.98.

c) The indebtedness of the several Districts to this treasury is $80 more than it was two years ago. We regret this, and hope that the Districts will, in future, promptly discharge their obligations.

F. a) Total receipts for the Board of Aids were $4,250.81, expenditures, $3,487.78, leaving a balance of $763.03.

b) The books and documents pertaining to this treasury have been examined and found correct.

c) The Texas District prays Synod to appoint confirmation Sunday as a day to lift a collection for this treasury. In reply to this your committee calls attention to the resolution passed two years ago, and is of the opinion that if the same were carried out, no special Sunday need be set apart.

G. The accounts of the Old Folks' Home have been audited and found correct.

H. With regard to the Foreign Mission Treasury we beg to recommend:

a) That the treasurer furnish a file of the "Kirchenzeitungs" containing credits when he presents his books to the committee.

b) That all moneys intended for foreign missions be sent direct to the treasurer.

I. We have in hand the report made by the treasurer of Hickory Academy. We have no means of verifying the items of this report. We would ask whether the treasurer's books have been audited?

J. We would ask whether the resolution of Joint Synod requiring that quarterly statements be sent by the officials of each institution before appropriations are paid, has been complied with.

K. Referring to the recommendation of the Wisconsin District (p. 62 of Eng. Reports), we suggest:

a) That the $1 assessment for the benefit of institution libraries be dropped.

b. That the following sums be appropriated out of the General Institution Treasury for the libraries of the respective institutions:

L. We request:

a) That certain of the treasurers present a more detailed statement of their receipts and expenditures.

b) Also, that the various institution treasurers be prepared to present to the Appropriations Committee definite statement of moneys needed by their respective institutions for the next two years.

II. APPROPRIATIONS.

Your committee recommends that the following amounts (including the library appropriation) be appropriated for the various institutions:

a) Capital University and Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, $8,000 per annum — $7,000 for current expenses and $1,000 for repairs.

b) Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., $4,100 per annum — $3,500 for current expenses and $600.00 for repairs.

c) Teachers' Seminary, Woodville, Ohio, $3,250 per annum.

d) Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind., $6,000 per annum.

e) Old Folks' Home, Mars, Pa., $800 per annum.

f) Hickory Academy, $1,025 per annum, and $400 for repairs, payable to Concordia District. Total appropriations, $24,575.00.

g) In conclusion: As God has so bountifully blessed us in material things, let us consecrate to Him all our possessions and employ these in furthering the interests of Christ's Kingdom, to the glory of God the Father.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

1. *A*. adopted.

B, 1 and 2 adopted. Also 3, *a*, *b* and *c*.

In connection with item *c*, a committee was appointed to nominate candidates for this Board and to suggest a name for the same.

REPORT OF THIS COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

1. *Name*: Synod's Board of Administration.

2. *Members*: The Board shall consist of three members, each to serve six years and one to be elected at every meeting of Joint Synod. The General President is a member ex-officio.

3. We propose for this Board: Mr. Conrad Nagel, of Springfield, Ohio, to serve six years. Mr. John J. Schwartz, of Columbus, Ohio, to serve four years,and Mr. John Binckley, of Columbus, Ohio, to serve two years.

4. The Board is responsible to Synod for all its actions, and held to report to the latter at its regular sessions.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE,
E. A. BOEHME,
S. P. LONG.

C adopted.

D, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* and *e*, adopted.

E, *a*, *b* and *c*, adopted.

F, *a*, *b* and *c* adopted.

G and *H*, *a* and *b* adopted.

I adopted. In answer to this item it was said that the treasurer had presented his report and that it had been audited.

J adopted. An affirmative answer was given to this question.

K and *L* adopted.

II. APPROPRIATIONS.

a adopted. In this connection the resolution was passed that the appropriation be increased to $9,000.00 as soon as a new Theological professor shall enter upon his duties.

b and *c* adopted.

d adopted. This item called forth considerable discussion. The opinion was expressed that the appropriation of $6,000 is entirely too high, that the home ought to be maintained at much less expense and still be fair and just to our orphans. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the proceeds from the farm and garden. It was admitted that the farm and garden do not yield what they should, but that this is due to our present arrangement at the Home. No fault is to be found with our present housefather in this regard, nor with former housefathers, but that it is due to a mistake made by Synod in 1894 when the duty of overseer was taken from the housefather. Before that the farm and garden yielded well, but since that they have steadily gone backward. The arrangement of a farm inspector for past years proved unsatisfactory, and it is evident, that if the farm and garden are to yield as they should, that a farmer must be employed who shall give his entire time and attention to this matter. Not until then can the appropriation of $6,000 be decreased.

e, *f* and *g* adopted.

In connection with this report the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That Boards of institutions shall state the amount needed for current expenses and for repairs.

2. *Resolved*, That the General President be instructed to appoint an auditing committee for all accounts of treasurers whose books are not audited by their own Boards, and that such auditing committees act before the meeting of Joint Synod and report to that body.

VARIA.

A. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Your committee recommends the Hon. President's address for careful and earnest perusal. Adopted.

B. ENGLISH HYMNAL—LITURGY.

Your committee begs to report as follows:

The English District referred the following resolution to Joint Synod:

Resolved, That there be three committees to suggest material for a new hymnal with music: one consisting of Rev. E. G. Tressel and Prof. Pfeiffer, whose duty it shall be to arrange the liturgical part of the hymnal; another committee of five, whose duty it shall be to arrange music for the hymns; and a third committee composed of five members, whose duty it shall be to select additional hymns not exceeding 75 in number—these latter two committees to be selected by the members of the first committee—these committees to work separately along the lines of their particular duties and to submit their work to each other and to report to Joint Synod at its next convention.

1. Your committee recommends the adoption of the Common Service.

2. That the Vesper part of the service be adopted according to the work prepared by the committee appointed two years ago.

3. That the committee of the English District on the publication of the English hymn book with music be authorized to add about 75 hymns. These hymns, however, shall be subjected to the same order of procedure as that prescribed for the vesper service. (See below).

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 was referred to the Districts for discussion.

Referring to item 2 it was resolved that the committee send copies to all pastors for criticism; that another committee be ap-

pointed to receive all suggestions and criticisms and take final action in the formulating of the evening service and have the same published.

The Committee on Final Revision consists of Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, Dr. L. H. Schuh, Dir. Mees, Ph. D., Prof. A. Pflueger and the Revs. G. H. Trebel and R. C. H. Lenski.

Item 3 adopted.

C. OLD BUSINESS.

Your committee has in hands two items of Old Business of the last meeting of Joint Synod.

1. Regarding first item, recorded p. 109, German Minutes, 3*a* and *b*, and p. 119 English Minutes, 3*a* and *b*, "touching the question of secret societies," we would ask:

a) Has such a committee been appointed?

b) If so, why has such committee not reported in the Theol. Zeitblætter and Theol. Magazine?

2. Regarding the second item, recorded page 119, German Minutes, § § 8 and 11, and page 130 English minutes, § § 8 and 11, § 8 referring to the publication of the Constitution and By-Laws of Joint Synod with the official reports, and § 11 referring unto *Sec.* 3, *Chap. IV*, touching the right of vote at the meeting of Joint Synod.

a) Touching § 8, we ask the General President why the resolution was not carried out?

b) Touching § 11 we report that as public announcement of the vote on *Sec.* 3, *Chap. IV*, has not been made in due form and therefore no legal vote can now be taken, we move, that final action be referred to the next Synod with special instructions to the secretaries, that they publish the whole article in question, together with the proposed addition in their announcement of the next Joint Synod meeting. Further, that the General President be authorized to send return postal cards to all pastors and congregations that have not yet cast their ballot upon said paragraph and addition.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 adopted. It was answered that the faculty at St. Paul, Minn., was appointed as such committee. Further, that the committee so far found it impossible to do the work required.

It was then resolved, that this committee be continued, and earnestly requested to furnish such material as soon as possible.

2, *a* adopted. The answer was given that it was surely overlooked.

2, *b* adopted.

D. BY-LAWS.

With Reference to Reception into Synod.

The reception of pastors and teachers who do not come from our educational institutions and districts shall take place in the following order:

1. The application shall be made to the District President who shall provide that a colloquium be held with the applicant.
2. In case this colloquium have a favorable result, the names of the applicants shall be published in three issues of our church papers.
3. The reception shall take place at the next following District synod.

The above By-Laws were unanimously adopted by Synod.

E. RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

Minnesota District.

We hereby submit to the honorable Joint Synod the following requests or suggestions, and entertain the confident hope that our petitions may be granted.

I. In accordance with the almost unanimous resolution of Joint Synod we declare as our most sincere conviction that in consideration of our great mission field, as well as of the impending lack of ministers, to remove or lock up our *Luther Seminary* should not be thought of, at least not in the near future.

II. We propose, that the liturgy for holy communion of our German Hymnals and Agenda be brought into harmony. Which of the forms should be used we are not willing to decide, but refer this to the publication board.

III. We hereby ask the Joint Synod how this honorable body answers the question about pulpit fellowship between Ohio and Iowa Synod? (Minutes 1902, not yet in print).

W. LANGE, *Secretary.*

Eastern District.

Request of the Eastern District to the Honorable Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.

The Eastern District kindly request the honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and other states to change the time of its meeting in such a manner so as to enable the teachers to attend the meetings of the same. A change to the beginning of August would be suitable. See minutes of eastern district 1901, page 20.

J. F. C. Soller, *German Secretary.*
G. D. Simen, *English Secretary.*

Texas District.

Marion, Texas, July 17, 1902.

Hon. President:

The Texas District requests Joint Synod not to alter its resolutions regarding the orphan festival, which resolutions have been adopted twice. This district sees no reason for such a change.

The request to publish a missionary paper for children in German should, in the opinion of this district, not be granted, since the "Kinderfreude" would, in connection with its other purposes, be sufficient, if missionary matter were brought in it.

The Texas district would furthermore request Joint Synod to appoint confirmation Sunday as a day to lift a collection for the pastors' and teachers' widows and orphans fund.

Heinrich Schmidt, *Secretary.*

Northern District.

To Joint Synod:

The Northern District asks Joint Synod to rescind resolutions of 1898 and 1900 with reference to the orphans' festival, forbidding Sunday (50 convention, page 66).

The Northern District asks Joint Synod "to place all important and vital resolutions and measures before the various districts prior to final adoption." (50 conv., page 65).

J. M. Johanssen, *Secretary.*

Wisconsin District.

The following items from the minutes of the Wisconsin District are herewith brought to the notice of Joint Synod:

1. In regard to the consolidating of our seminaries, removal of grammar school, etc., it was

"Resolved, That this district (Wisconsin) declare that in its opinion the time for consolidating the seminaries is not yet at hand." 1901, p. 68.

2. The resolution of Joint Synod — page 48 (German) — regarding pastors' and teachers' widows and orphans fund was adopted by this district. 1901, page 67.

3. "We further move that Joint Synod withhold its final decision on all measures and resolutions of far-reaching effect (such as radical changes, creating new offices, etc.) until they have been referred to the district Synods for consideration, excepting such measures and resolutions as must necessarily be disposed of at once." 1901, page 68.

4. For the support of needy students provision has been made. 1901, pages 68-69.

5. From the minutes of the First English and the Western Districts it appears that very few pastors contributed anything toward the pastors' and teachers' widows and orphans treasury and the libraries — at least nothing is found in the financial report. Noting this it was

"Resolved, That we repeat our resolution of 1894, viz: That we move that Joint Synod apportion the contributions toward the libraries so that the St. Paul, Minn., library receive equally as much as the library at Columbus, O." (1902.)

6. The district joins the Oshkosh conference in expressing the wish "that our support of needy pastors and teachers and their widows and orphans be made more effective. To this end more frequent mention should be made of their need in our church papers." (1902.)

7. Synod grants the wish of the Chicago conference and proposes to Joint Synod: That the mission board support no mission congregation that receives lodge-men as members." (1902.)

C. F. W. Allwardt,
Secretary Wisconsin District.

Western District.

The following resolutions of the Western District are herewith submitted to Joint Synod:

1. "That our district petition Joint Synod to publish a small German missionary paper, especially for children." (1901.)

2. "The proposition to call a new professor to the theological seminary at Columbus; to offer relief to our venerable Dr. M. Loy in his old age, and again to show cordial appreciation of his work in behalf of our institution at Columbus and of the whole Synod, has our full endorsement. We propose to Joint Synod that the necessary steps be taken in this matter. We also express the wish that if possible Dr. C. H. L. Schuette be recalled to the seminary, in case Dr. M. Loy is entirely or partially unable to further perform the duties of his office." (1902.)

Emanuel Poppen, *Secretary.*

English District.

As secretary of the English District I forward you a resolution of said district, adopted at its last convention, held in Fremont, O., October 16-21, 1901. This you will please bring before the attention of the general body at its next session.

Item six of report on president's report (as amended).

We regret that the general body at its last session could not see its way clear to take any definite step toward the founding of a foreign mission of our own, and we wish to bring the subject to its attention at its next session.

L. PFLUEGER,
Secretary of the English District.

Report of Committee on English Evening Service.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 26, 1902.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — Your committee, appointed at the last convention of Synod to prepare and submit an order of evening service "for our English congregations" (See Synod proceedings 1900, page 73), desires to report as follows:

We submit herewith a form of service which has been arranged in substantial harmony with the corresponding form in the "common service," prepared and published several years ago. Should this form be approved by Synod and recommended to our congregations, as we trust it will be, appropriate music for the chants can be secured.

Respectfully,

E. G. TRESSEL.
E. PFEIFFER.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. In answer to the question of the Minnesota District in regard to pulpit fellowship between Iowa and Ohio Synod, we move that we advise our members not to practice pulpit fellowship with members of Iowa Synod until there is an understanding reached between the two Synods.

2. We propose that the request of the Eastern District to be permitted to change its time of meeting to the beginning of August be granted.

3. In answer to the request of the Texas District not to publish a missionary paper for children in German, we propose that it be granted, since the "Kinderfreude" can be used more extensively for this purpose than before. The editor of the

"Kinderfreude" shall be authorized to use one page exclusively for missions. Herewith the resolution of the Western District concerning this matter is also answered.

4. We recommend that the proposition of the Northern District and of the Wisconsin District be adopted, i. e., that Joint Synod do not finally decide matters of far-reaching effect (such as radical changes, creating new offices, etc.), until they have been referred to the District Synods for consideration, excepting such measures and resolutions as must necessarily be disposed of at once.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Other matters referred to in the resolutions and communications from the various Districts were divided among the other preliminary committees and acted upon.

F. COMMITTEE ON EQUALIZATION OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

The Committee on Equalization of Traveling Expenses reports as follows:

Total traveling expenses		$1,287 87
Number of delegates		75
Average expense		$15 24
Amount necessary to equalize		289 90
Amount collected	$269 08	
Balance to collect	20 82	
		289 90
Amount returned to delegates	$269 08	
Balance to be returned	20 82	
		289 90

A. L. NICKLAS,
S. P. LONG,
Commitee.

This report was adopted and the committee continued until their work is completed.

It was resolved that delegates who are *compelled* to travel more than one night be allowed to include their sleeping berths in their traveling expenses.

Further, resolved that the expenses of District Presidents, even when they act as delegates, be paid out of the treasury of Joint Synod.

G. ELECTIONS.

Upon motion, the Committee on Nominations was given authority from hence forward to nominate the officers of Joint Synod. The list of candidates presented by the Nomination Committee was adopted.

The election then took place according to the rules of Synod, and was supervised by a committee consisting of Revs. F. W. Abicht and J. Bohnhoff and Mr. Uriah Trump.

The following is the result:

GENERAL INSTITUTION TREASURER.

Mr. Fred J. Heer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Prof. A. Pflueger, Mr. C. F. Meyer.
Prof. G. K. Leonard,

TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. J. G. Butz.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD, COLUMBUS, O.

Rev. G. H. Trebel, Mr. H. Rogge,
Rev. M. C. Hecht, Mr. J. J. Schaeffer.

FOR TWO YEARS.

Mr. Philip Herrnstein.

BOARD LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Rev. H. Eisenbach, Mr. C. Burkhart,
Rev. E. E. Knorr, Mr. A. Wier.

BOARD TEACHERS' SEMINARY, WOODVILLE, O.

Rev. J. Vollmar, Teacher J. Stumpf,
Mr. C. Sander, Rev. D. Ebert.

BOARD ST. PAUL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, HICKORY, N. C.

Rev. W E. Schramm, Mr. L. W. Thornburg.
Rev. J. W. Hoerr,

TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF PROF. BARB—TWO YEARS.

Rev. Fred Loewenstein.

BOARD OF WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME.

Rev. J. Schacht, Mr. J. Schultz.

BOARD OF OLD FOLKS' HOME.

Rev. H. J. Reimann, Mr. Christian Ziess.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Rev. J. Sheatsley, Rev. S. P. Long.
Mr. Fred Snyder,

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Prof. S. A. Singer,
Rev. J. Beck, Rev. W. L. Spielman.

FOR UNEXPIRED TERM.

Prof. A. Pflueger.

BOARD OF NEGRO MISSIONS.

Rev. D. E. Snapp.

BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS.

Rev. A. R. Kuldell, Mr. Otto Meyer.

BOARD OF AIDS.

Rev. J. Bauch, Mr. J. Nieman,
Mr. John H. Sheets, Teacher G. A. Gohl.

MANAGER OF BOOK CONCERN.

Mr. Fred J. Heer.

STATISTICIAN.

Rev. W. H. Price.

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KINDERFREUDE.

Rev. J. F. C. Soller.

CHILD'S PAPER.
Rev. G. W. Lose.

LITTLE MISSIONARY.
Rev. W. H. Lehman.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS.

President — C. H. L. Schuette, D. D.
Vice President, East — Rev. E. A. Boehme.
Vice President, West — Prof. H. Ernst, D. D.
German Secretary — Prof. W. D. Ahl.
English Secretary — Rev. W. H. Price.
Treasurer — Mr. C. Nagel.

OTHER BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS.

1. The fixed time of sessions was from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., and from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M., standard time.

2. Teacher C. W. Linsenmann acted as organist for Synod.

3. As reporters the following were appointed: Rev. A. L. Nicklas for the English papers; Teacher W. A. Trapp for the German; Prof. K. Hemminghaus for the Kirchenzeitung, and Prof. E. Pfeiffer for the Standard.

4. President Groschupf, of the Washington District, and Judge J. Dobler sent greetings, and were excused for non-attendance.

5. Revs. F. Ohlrogge and D. Ebert were excused to leave before close of Synod.

6. *Resolved,* That at the opening service Friday afternoon, special reference be had to the venerable Dr. M. Loy, and that intercession be made for him.

7. *Resolved,* That we appoint a committee to communicate to Dr. M. Loy, that we sincerely sympathize with him in his present affliction, and assure him of our prayers for him at the throne of God.

8. WHEREAS, In various religious periodicals, the assertion has been published, that Joint Synod no longer considers the Modern Woodmen and Foresters as antichristian; be it

Resolved, That Joint Synod herewith declare that nowhere and at no time it has made or authorized such a statement, but continues and must continue to oppose such secret orders as antichristian.

14. *Resolved*, That the heartfelt thanks of the members of Synod be tendered to Pastor H. Wickemeyer, his teachers and his St. Paul's congregation, who have so hospitably entertained us during our convention, and that we request Pastor Wickemeyer to publish this resolution at his next regular service.

15. *Resolved*, That Synod express its gratification for the fine music furnished in the services last Sunday.

16. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to our secretaries for their faithful services.

9. *Resolved*, That the District Presidents be required to assemble two days before the opening of Joint Synod convention, in order that they may in a proper manner, attend to the duties devolving upon them.

10. *Resolved*, That the Parliamentary Rules be adopted and as soon as possible published in book form.

11. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Luther Seminary and of the Mission Board be printed in these minutes.

12. *Resolved*, That the General President attend the General Teachers' Conference and discuss with them the question of their right to vote at Joint Synod.

13. *Resolved*, That 6,250 German and 2,750 English copies of the proceedings be printed.

The business of Synod having been completed, Synod adjourned as per form in our Liturgy.

The correctness of these minutes is attested by

C. H. L. Schuette, *President*,
Wm. H. Price, *English Secretary*.
W. D. Ahl, *German Secretary*.

OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF SYNOD, WITH TIME OF SERVICE.

GENERAL INSTITUTION TREASURER.

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